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## Trader offers \$100K reward for tip on finding Zhao alive

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REPORTER

A businessman is offering \$100,000 cash reward to anyone who can provide information that will lead to the location of missing scuba diving instructor Mei Hua Zhao.

As this developed, Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that investigators are pursuing leads in Zhao's case.

He refused to elaborate. Tarkong, who is also coordinator for the NMI Crime Stoppers Program, said he has not been notified about the cash

reward. He said that based on his experience, cash rewards should be coordinated with the Office of the Attorney General.

The Chinese businessman, who requested not to be identified, told *Saipan Tribune* yes.

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## 41 dealers arrive for BSI casino

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The first batch of foreign workers who will be working for Best Sunshine Live casino arrived on island last Saturday.

Forty-one workers, all of them dealers, came from the Philippines.

Best Sunshine International Ltd. said they are also waiting for the second and third batch of dealers from the same country to arrive. Best Sunshine's initial cadre of dealers were U.S. citizens hired from the mainland.

With the additional deal—  
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## APL to have direct shipping from Japan to Saipan soon

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A direct shipping service from Japan to Saipan will soon be available in the CNMI.



Saipan, making them the only carrier with a U.S. freight vessel to do so.

The American President Line, or APL, is introducing their new Guam Saipan Express, a fortnightly service that will have a Yokohama-Saipan-Guam route.

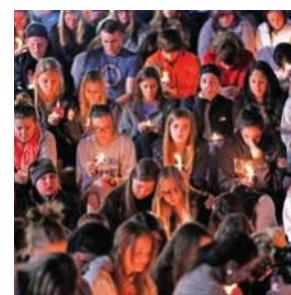
According to APL, their ship will be making direct calls on

"We'll be offering another alternative for bringing freight not only from the U.S. mainland directly to Saipan and Guam, but because what we're offering is a single ship that will come out of Yokohama down to Saipan then to Guam then back to Yokohama, that will connect with our U.S. flag strain com-

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# Local

# Cultural icon David Peter remembered

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REPORTER

The Office of the Governor yesterday presented a plaque of appreciation to the family of a cultural icon of the Commonwealth, David "Taulamwaar" Kapileo Peter, a well-known musician and author of the Carolinian verses to the CNMI National Anthem.

Acting governor Ralph Torres presented the plaque during a short ceremony at the Carolinian Utt around 5pm yesterday.

The certificate recognized Peter's "significant contributions to the culture and history of the CNMI through his musical tal-

ents and his authoring of the Refaluwasch verses of the CNMI National Anthem entitled 'Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi/Satil Matawal Pasifiko."

"Through his work toward the advancement and enrichment of the Refaluwasch culture in our islands, and his distinguished service to our country as a member of our armed forces, Taulamwaar will forever play a vital role in the grand narrative of our islands," Torres read from the certificate yesterday.

Peter's ashes were cast into the ocean yesterday. A boat took family members out past the lagoon, while other relatives and friends tossed flowers into the

ocean in its wake.

An emcee announced at 5:40pm that the family had just released the ashes into the ocean.

Peter was a Vietnam War veteran and is known for leading the band "Rematua." The band recorded the CNMI's first album "Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi—Satil Matawal Pasifiko."

A crowd of family members, lawmakers, and other government officials attended the event yesterday.



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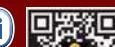
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# Hotel occupancy at 94 percent in September

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a 94.27-percent occupancy rate among 11 member hotels for September 2015, a 21-percent increase compared to September 2014.

A total of 65,103 of 69,060 available room nights sold in September 2015, compared to 50,602 of 69,090 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$122.99 during the

"Typhoon Soudelor was a

## CPA: Some \$422K in initial Soudelor damage estimate

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REPORTER

Typhoon Soudelor damage-related expenses totaled some \$422,000 for the CNMI's airport and seaports, according to a budget expense breakdown from the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The expenses were discussed in a CPA board meeting last week. They cover up to Sept. 29, and were described as preliminary.

For fuel for airport operations, costs totaled \$285,829.26, according to the budget spreadsheet. The fuel went to the airport's main generator, ARRF tower, and emergency generators after the storm.

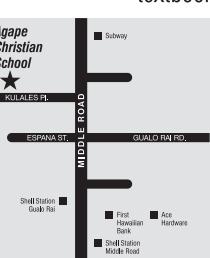
"For this portion, providing the fuel inclusive of the towers, we hope to get 90 percent reimbursement for our expenses," CPA lawyer Robert Torres told the board, referring to a 90-to-10 federal to local cost-share.

Airport manager Ed Mendiola said the 1.8-megawatt generators they have "eats close to 80 to 85 gallons per hour." Fuel costs covered four generators.



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month, compared to \$116.84 last September.

"September is normally a lower month in terms of occupancy," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "However, despite Typhoon Soudelor, visitor arrivals were up in September. This increase, together with locals without power and off-island emergency responders, drove occupancy levels in excess of 90 percent."

"Typhoon Soudelor was a

wake up call for us all," Cavanagh added. "Tourism is a fragile industry. As HANMI celebrates its 30th anniversary, we are reminded of the dedication and loyalty of our member hotels who have served the CNMI.

We support the chance for our member to negotiate with the government to ensure continued business. Doing so supports stability in the industry and government revenue generation."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average

### Anniversary gala postponed

Cavanagh also announced HANMI will postpone its 30th anniversary gala until next year.

"Our community is still recovering from the effects of Typhoon Soudelor," she said. "The board feels it's in the best interest of all to celebrate its

'30+1' anniversary in 2016 so we can continue to concentrate our efforts and resources on getting the community back on its feet."

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. (HANMI)

## Drug court bill to be made law

The bill to establish a drug court in the Commonwealth is to be made law this week.

Acting governor Ralph Torres is scheduled to sign the measure, House Bill 19-94, this Wednesday in front of Cabinet members, lawmakers and other officials in the Office of the

Governor's conference room on Capitol Hill.

The growing scourge of methamphetamine or "ice" use in the CNMI has driven public consensus in establishing the drug court.

The bill first passed the House of Representatives in

late August. The Senate passed the bill in October without amendments.

The bill establishes a specialized court that incorporates drug dependency treatment with continuous judicial supervision for qualifying defendants, for both adults and juveniles.

The bill will establish a drug court within the Com-

monwealth Superior Court to operate a "collaborative non-adversarial system to effect the rehabilitation and recovery of drug offenders through continuous court monitoring, regular drug testing, and holistic drug dependency treatment."

The bill was introduced by Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan). (Dennis B. Chan)

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# Upcoming hotels will still need foreign workers

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REPORTER

With the recent lowering of the cap and the impending end in 2019 of the Commonwealth-only transitional worker visa, the needs of the CNMI for foreign workers continue to grow. Soon-to-open Kensington

Hotel, which will be operated by E-Land Group, said it will need about 310 employees.

E-Land Saipan chief executive officer Myung-Wook "Matthew" Park said they already announced their recruitment and got more than 500 applicants. However, not all of them are U.S. citizens.

Park said only 150 U.S. citizens applied for a job with their upcoming hotel and the rest are foreign workers.

Although it brought in casino dealers from the U.S. mainland, Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is also bringing in foreign workers for their live casino training facility.

BSI chief services officer Tao Xing said it is their goal to "turn the tide" and make the local people who left the island come back, but he also stated that they will help in promoting the extension of the CW program.

"As a member of the business community, we'll work with all the business to definitely promote

[the extension]," Xing said.

"I think it's something that the company would like to see extended," chief operating officer Matt Harkness said.

For his part, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio said the administration is looking into the need for foreign workers of

upcoming hotels.

"The government understands these concerns, the labor concerns, with the zeroing out of the CW laborers in 2020. Through the strategic economic development committee, we're working to address that, asking for an extension of that deadline," Tenorio said.

## DLNR working with DPL over proposed dock in Puerto Rico

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The Department of Lands and Natural Resources will work with Department of Public Lands to clarify jurisdictions over a proposed lease for a dock in Puerto Rico, according DLNR

Secretary Richard Seman.

DPL has proposed a lease for Pacific Marine Enterprises to operate and manage a marine facility and construct and operate a concrete loading and offloading dock for vessels at a site in Puerto Rico.

The Commonwealth Ports

Authority has objected to the lease, according to CPA lawyer Robert Torres in a board meeting last week. Torres cited CPA statute for its jurisdiction over ports and harbors.

Seman, for DLNR's part, said they do not object to the proposed lease between PME

and DPL.

"Our preliminary concern with the proposed lease is that DLNR was not mentioned in it despite the fact that we have jurisdiction with regard to submerged land and submerged land leases," he said.

"DPL and DLNR along with

our respective legal counsels have already met with our governor and all agreed to support each other and that we have a better and clearer responsibilities and respective jurisdictions.

"DLNR does support the proposed lease and that we

will be working out our required submerged land lease agreement when it is time to do so. However, we do respect CPA's concern," Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

The term of the proposed lease with PME is 25 years.

According to a copy of the lease, the public land is adjacent to the Tanapag Lagoon.

## CASINO

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ers that will be starting work this week, Best Sunshine will be opening all their 46 tables as well as their VIP section at their live training casino inside T Galleria.

In an interview with some of the new dealers, it was learned that many have about four to six years experience in the industry, working in casinos such as Resort's World Manila, Solaire, as well as the recently opened City of Dreams Manila.

While most were attracted to the greener pastures offered by Saipan, others wanted career growth.

"It's different once you have international experience," said 27-year-old Franze Book, who was an industrial engineer by profession prior to entering the casino industry.

Book said that working in a casino actually gives him more opportunity to experience life since he doesn't need to take home his work, unlike his old jobs.

He has a family in the Philippines and, although being separated from them is hard, he thinks it's for the better. "They are the reason I am doing this," Book said.



The first batch of casino dealers from the Philippines arrived on Saipan last Saturday for Best Sunshine International's live training facility in Garapan. The new dealers will start this week which will open up the rest of their gaming tables as well as their VIP section.  
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## APL

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ing out of the U.S. West Coast," APL general manager for Guam and Micronesia John Selleck said.

According to Selleck, this is different as Saipan is usually served via Guam from the U.S. West Coast and then barged in.

With this service, anywhere in the world that connects with Japan can now connect with Saipan and Guam, Selleck said.

"APL has 80 services worldwide in 95 different countries so we can bring freight from anywhere in the world that connects with Yokohama. We can then bring down to Saipan and Guam," he said.

APL said the ship will arrive

on Saipan every other Saturday, four days after its stop in Yokohama. Their ship has its own cranes for direct loading and unloading at the Port of Saipan.

The ship, which will be called APL *Guam*, is currently dry-docked in China and is in the process of being converted into a U.S. flagship, renamed and repainted.

It has a capacity of 1,000 TEUs or 20-foot equivalent units, which means it can carry 1,000 20-foot containers or 550 40-foot containers. It can also carry 200 refrigerated containers.

With all the developments that are coming up on the island, Selleck said this could help with the needs of the construction industry.

"We think that will allow us to carry large project surges for construction," Selleck said.

They plan to have the first shipment to come out of Yokohama on Nov. 24, which is anticipated to arrive on Nov. 28 on Saipan and on Nov. 29 in Guam.

APL said it has been looking at providing this service for a long time and that they aim to help the market on Saipan grow. "What we aim to do is to help Saipan and Guam businesses with their logistics, whether finding better ways to source products and bring them here," Selleck said.

Should the service prove profitable, APL is ready to have another ship dedicated to this route.

"If we get support, we're pre-

pared to put in a second ship so we would go weekly service," Selleck said.

This second ship will most likely be named APL *Northern Marianas*.

"Our vision for this service is to go to two-ship service. The second ship will be a little different. If there's improvement at the port of Tinian, we might be able to put in a shallower draft ship that can make direct calls to Tinian," Selleck said.

APL, which is among the largest shipping companies in the world, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore-based Neptune Orient Lines.

APL had a 10-year agreement with Matson in their operation in Guam before Matson had its own service when the agreement ended in 2006.

Sunshine for helping them with their application and making the process easier.

The new dealers hope to stay with Best Sunshine for as long as they want and they are just as

excited as the company with the upcoming Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort in Garapan. Best Sunshine expects to open the casino resort by the end of next year.

## TRADER

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terday that the cash reward will only be given if the 25-year-old Zhao is found alive.

"I still believe Zhao is alive," he said.

The businessman said he borrowed money from friends to raise \$50,000. The additional \$50,000 will be paid via installment in a two-year period.

He said he is doing this because Zhao is a good friend. The businessman is the same person who posted on his Facebook account last week about the scuba diving instructor's disappearance.

Another Chinese businessman confirmed yesterday that many friends of Zhao have agreed to donate cash to put up the reward money for anyone who can provide tips on her

whereabouts.

When asked about the reward money, Zhao's husband, Guang Zhe Xuan, said he is not aware of it but is thankful to those who want to help find her.

Xuan, 45, is president of Blue Ocean Tinian Corp., which owns Go Pro Diving on Tinian. The couple opened a branch in Gualo Rai on Saipan only last month.

Xuan earlier disclosed that his last communication with his wife was last Monday afternoon, Oct. 19, when she called him on Tinian, saying she's already at their shop in Gualo Rai after a diving excursion with customers.

Zhao's white Toyota Tacoma with license plate ACW-383 was found by her friends last Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 19, parked behind Joker's Bar, which is near McDonald's/Mobil gas station in Garapan. The truck was locked, police said.

# Mondala pleads not guilty to 41 corruption charges

Former Office of Aging director Rose DLG. Mondala entered a not guilty plea yesterday to allegations that she used the office's funds and materials for the needs of the Covenant Party during the

2009 elections and to renovate her house in Kagman.

Mondala, 70, appeared with her counsel, Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, at the arraignment. She pleaded not guilty to 41 counts of corruption charges.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja set a status conference for Nov. 25, 2015, at 1:30pm.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley appeared

for the government.

According to court documents, the Superior Court's clerk's office served the summons to Mondala last Oct. 7, directing her to appear and answer the charges in court at yes-

terday's arraignment.

The charges against Mondala—22 counts of forgery; six counts of misconduct in public office; eight counts of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities; two counts of use of public position to obtain benefits for business or social acquaintances; one count of theft of services; one count of theft; and one count of use of office, staff or employees of a public office for personal benefit—are the same charges that then-

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback filed against Mondala as a special assistant attorney general.

Superior Court Associate

Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed the earlier case in September 2014, ruling that Hasselback's appointment as special assistant attorney general in the matter violates the separation of powers doctrine.

Govendo ruled that the attorney general violated the separation of powers by delegating general prosecutorial powers to members of an agency that has no such legislatively created authority. The judge, however, allowed the government to re-file the charges.

The allegations against Mondala relate to a period between June 15, 2009, and Dec 10, 2010, while she was the director of the Office of Aging. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Man allegedly stabs, chokes son-in-law

An apparently intoxicated man allegedly stabbed his son-in-law with a knife and choked him during an altercation at their residence on Navy Hill Saturday night.

Henley Kladikim, 47, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$20,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Nov. 2 at 9am.

The victim, Felix Kileleman, was treated by medics due to a cut in his hand, police said.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Kladikim. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police said that two officers responded to Kileleman's mother's residence in China Town, where an injured person was reported to be there on Saturday at 10:03pm.

Kileleman told the respond-

ing officers that his father-in-law, Kladikim, broke into his house on Navy Hill, threatened to kill him, and attacked him with a knife. He said he was forced to run away, leaving his 3-year-old daughter behind.

Two police officers escorted Kileleman to his house and told him to wait in the police car while they cleared his residence.

When the officers opened the door, they found Kileleman's daughter sleeping on the bed. Kladikim was not there.

The officer saw the blade of a knife on the floor beside the door near the kitchen sink. On the wall and floor by the floor were bloodstains.

Kileleman said he and his daughter were sleeping when Kladikim went inside the house with a knife in his hand.

Kladikim allegedly held Kileleman by the neck and pushed him all the way to the kitchen, pinning him against the wall with his left hand.

Kladikim allegedly tried to punch Kileleman in the abdo-

men with the knife but he was able to block it with his hand, getting cut in the process.

The suspect allegedly stabbed the wall beside Kileleman's head, causing the knife to break into pieces.

Kileleman managed to break free, ran out of the house, and proceeded all the way to his mother's house in China Town, where he called for medical as-

sistance because his hand was bleeding badly.

Medics then arrived.

At 11:49pm, police arrested Kladikim.

An officer noticed that the suspect's feet were bleeding. He was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center, and after being treated he was taken to the Department of Corrections. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Man gets 44-day prison term for beating wife in front of daughter

A man accused of repeatedly hitting his common-law wife with a broomstick in front of their daughter pleaded guilty yesterday and was slapped with a 44-day prison term.

Theofilus O. Minor, 45, pleaded guilty to assault and battery.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Minor to the maximum of one-year imprisonment, all suspended except for 44 days, with credit for 44 days of time served. That means he will no longer serve further jail time.

Minor was placed on probation for one year and ordered to pay a \$200 fine, \$25 court costs, and \$100 probation fee. He was required to report to Community Guidance Center for anger management counseling and to complete any recommended treatment.

The defendant was also ordered to submit an evaluation by the Community Guidance Center on alcohol and drug assessment and treatment.

He is prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages during his probation.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Minor hit his common-law wife in front of their 6-year-old daughter on Sept. 11, 2015, on Saipan.

The victim refused medical treatment. She supported the

terms of the plea agreement.

At yesterday's hearing, the victim told the court that she wants Minor to come home and work on their relationship.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda represented the government. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Minor.

Police detective Dee Liza S. Udui stated in her report that two police officers responded on Sept. 11 at 2:48pm to a reported domestic violence in Kagman.

When the officers met the victim, she was crying, her face was red and she complained that her head was hurting.

The alleged victim told police that prior to the beating, Minor asked her for \$10 to buy drugs at a poker arcade, but she refused because she had only \$50 at that time and she needed the money for laundry.

During their argument, Minor went back into the bedroom and punched and slapped the victim in the face several times, police said. He allegedly pulled her hair, then dragged and kicked her. He also grabbed a broomstick and hit her with it repeatedly in the head.

When Minor walked to the kitchen, she pulled her daughter with her and they both ran to their neighbor's house, where she called the police. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Rota private school kicks off Red Ribbon Week

## »ESFDB celebrates National Bullying Prevention Month

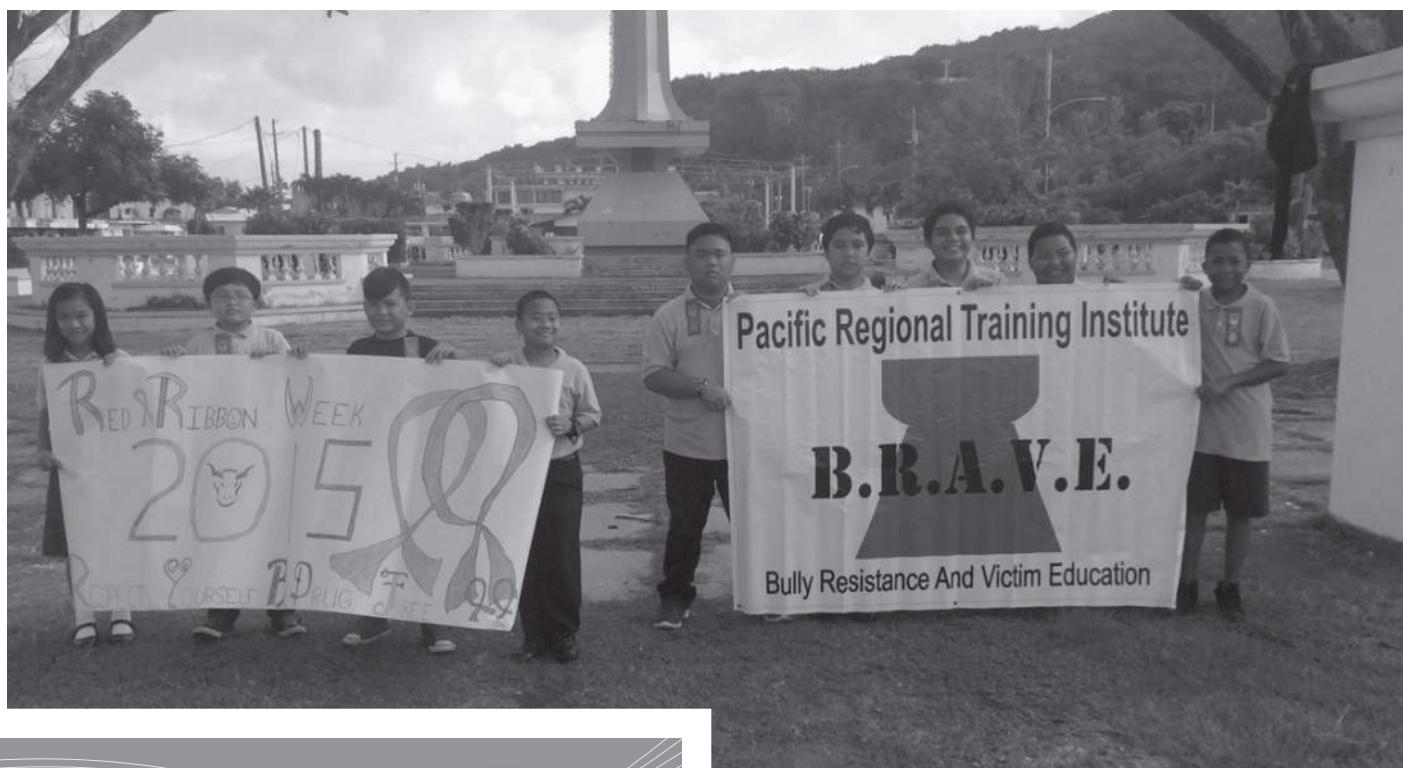
Students at Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja and other schools across the nation will spend time this week raising awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol and pledging to be drug-free as part of the celebration of Red Ribbon Week, which runs on Oct. 23-31, 2015.

In addition to Red Ribbon Week, ESFDB is celebrating National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyber-bullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages.

Red Ribbon Week is a way to send a powerful message to children to stay off drugs and that if anyone even attempts to offer it to them, to look the other way and run or tell their teacher, their parents, "tell somebody you trust," said administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig.

"Kids are very impressionable at this age," Atalig said. "They're beginning to know what's right and wrong and we

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Students of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja showcase their artwork in celebration of Red Ribbon Week and Bully Prevention Month banner.



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"And when you or a friend knows you are about to get bullied, make a stand, and stop it before it gets worse," Lucero said.

Jeremy John Atalig II, student body council vice president, said he chooses to be drug free because he wants to have a good life and help keep students or friends from being bullied.

"How can we support as a parish community? Tell your children just say no when offered drugs by friends, strangers, and most especially drug dealers. The other is lock up your meds. These drugs range from pain relievers and depressants to stimulants and over-

## CPA discusses sale of Delta stock

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is contemplating the sale of its shares in Delta Air Lines, in light of an investment policy in the works.

CPA board members discussed last week a report on the 9,060 shares in Delta Air Lines that, according to CPA comptroller Skye Aldan, was priced at \$46 a share.

CPA counsel Robert Torres explained to the board that the shares were originally debt owed them by Northwest Airlines, but when Northwest filed for bankruptcy—in its reorganization plan—the airline took the debt and converted it into common shares.

"The money now on the mar-

the-counter medicines. Children who abuse prescription drugs admit to getting them from family or friends. Prevent your children from abusing your medications by securing your meds in places your child cannot access them," said board chair and Pacific Regional Training Institute director Edward Maratita Jr.

"Lastly, pray. Pray for a friend who is at-risk for substance abuse and for children and all young adults who have so much to offer the world," added Maratita. "And let's not forget to end and stomp out bullying."

ESFDB students also participated in drawing and essay contests as part of Red Ribbon Week, using this year's theme: "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free."

Red Ribbon Week commemorates the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a DEA agent who was kidnapped and killed in 1985 in the line of duty fighting the war on drugs. In 1985, high school students from his hometown in Calexico, California, began the celebration to honor Camarena. (ESFDB)

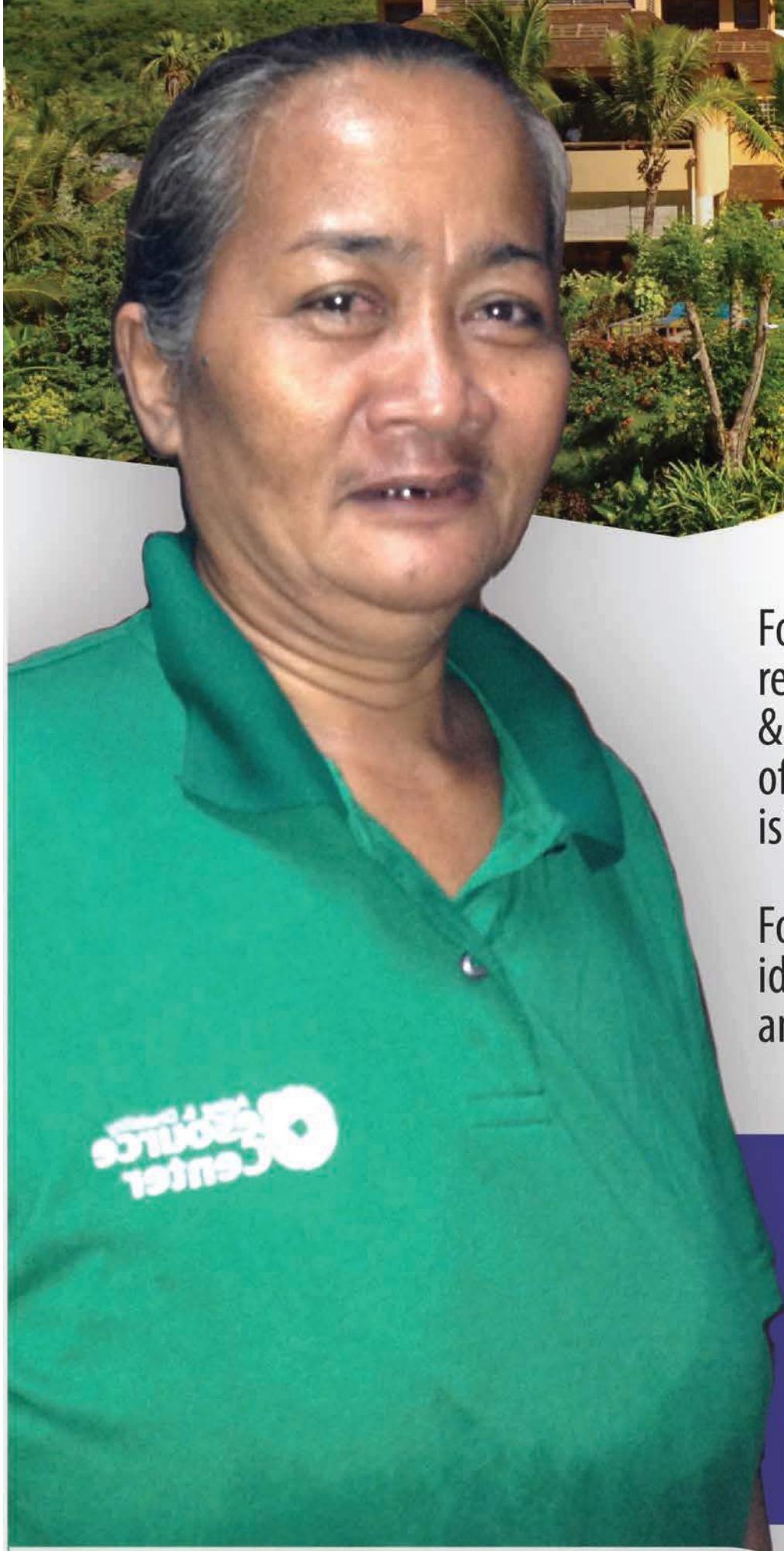
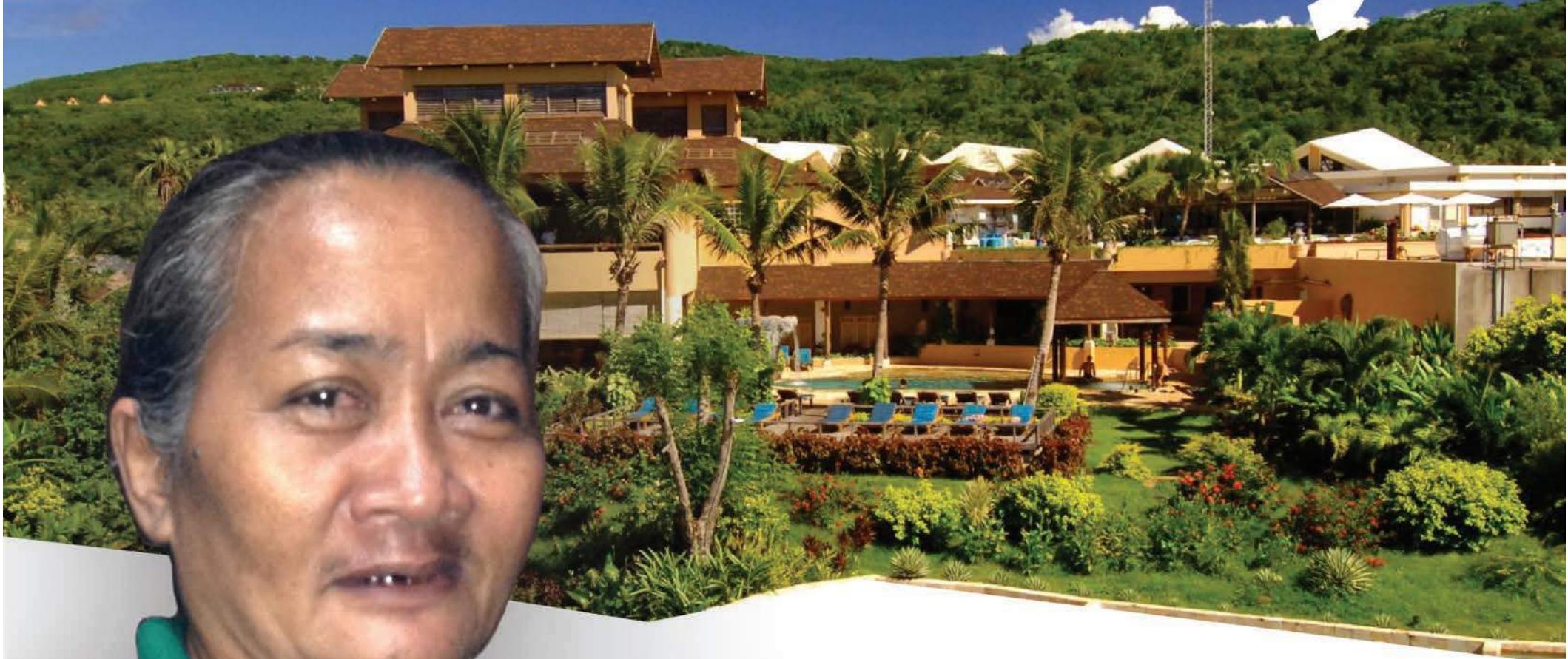
ket has appreciated under Delta," Torres said.

With the shares, CPA is sitting on around \$400,000 right now, from stocks that had little value to begin with. In 2010, the value of the stock was at \$11.51, and in 2013, the closing price was at \$18.41, according to board members at the meeting.

The board discussed recovering the \$400,000 and taking care of the \$165,000 in debt, and keeping the net balance with Delta or toward an investment or project.

On the investment option, Aldan said they would follow investment policy statement, which CPA has drafted and would be presented to the CPA finance committee for review and comments.

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Josepha Castro  
Kitchen Helper

# Temporary water service outage Thursday

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in two of Saipan's southern villages will experience a temporary service interruption as part of an ongoing waterline improvement project.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, CUC

will temporarily interrupt water service to customers in Finasisu, As Lito along Airport Road at 8am to allow CUC's contractor, RNV Construction, to remove two gate valves at the intersection of Chalan

Monsignor Martinez and Chalan Tun Doi Road.

CUC will limit the area affected by the nine-hour outage to customers along Chalan Monsignor Martinez between Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to

ABCD Market in Koblerville, Chalan Tun Apa Road, Chalan Tun Doi Road, and Finasisu down to Frankie's Auto Shop on As Perdido Road.

The work in each of the villages is part of the 8" ACP

(Asbestos Concrete Pipe) Waterline Abandonment for the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC and its contractor will

restore water service to customers in the affected area once the work has been completed. For more information, contact project manager Yvonne Cabrera by calling 664-4282. (CUC)

## Private schools' group seeks members

The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools is having a membership drive. Schools that would like to join the coalition will need to provide the necessary paperwork for the Compliance Committee to review. All current members and new members must submit the required documentation.

The required documents are a current business license, a copy of the school's current curriculum, and an anonymous list of current faculty assignments and their qualifications. The usual membership fee of \$.50 per student has been waived for this school year due to Typhoon Soudelor.

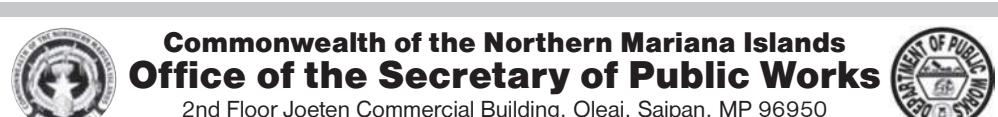
If you would like more information about joining the group, contact coalition president Galvin Deleon Guerrero at Mount Carmel School or Compliance Committee chair Tim Bray at Saipan International School. (PR)



### AIR BRIDGE

Alter City Group officials and government officials pose for a photo after a press conference on Monday detailing plans for a new transport system that would connect Tinian and Saipan. The Aerobus system is also being touted as a possible new tourist attraction in the CNMI.

DENNIS B. CHAN



## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-16-IFB-002

#### Fitme Place Road Improvement, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Fitme Place Road Improvement, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 20, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **November 06, 2015**, 2:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 13, 2015** to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-16-IFB-002". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Former Emergency Management Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 18, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 18, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pcit.com or camachot7@gmail.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 18, 2015** and must be received no later than **November 27, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Former Emergency Management Office Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time **December 02, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **November 18, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surely requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (US\$150.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAM  
Director of Procurement & Supply



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-049

Opening Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015  
Closing Date: Monday, November 09, 2015

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**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee. Monitors radio communications in order to dispatch crews for troubleshooting and for related service calls. Receives incoming calls reporting complaints or issues related to water, sewer or power utilities; provides general customer service; and routes service calls to appropriate resource. Organizes and maintains file systems and pertinent records. Performs data entry; maintains and updates logs and dispatch related documentation; prepares and maintains requisitions. Follows up with customers to provide basic information, status updates, and to verify customer's experience and any remaining service needs. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

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If you are interested, contact Claire Song at (670) 989-6699 or email Agape at agapemath-tutoring@gmail.com, or you can come to Agape Christian School during schooldays from 3pm to 5pm. The opening ceremony will be at 7pm on Monday, Nov 2, 2015. This event is sponsored by Modern Office Supply. (PR)

**Singers and actors needed for Scrooge!**

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**Military training at Warning Area 517**

The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

**TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION**

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

- I. PRELIMINARY
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
  - A. Chair's Report
  - B. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Closure/Reopening of TDHC Casino
  - B. Status of TEC/CSDL Casino License Application
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Action re: Non-passage of budget for TCGCC for Fiscal Year 2016
  - B. Request for waiver of Section 53 penalty for Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
  - C. Petition of TEC for Declaratory Ruling re: ICA Emergency Regulations
  - D. Consideration of ED Recommendations & Commission Actions re: Licensing Matters for:
    1. Casino Service Industry License Applications
      - a) Silver Heritage Limited ("SHL")
      - b) International Casino Service Limited ("ICS")
      - c) Tinian Trading International, Inc. ("TTI")
    2. Casino Employee License/Registration Applications
      - a) TDHC employees/consultants
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION\*
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

- Oct. 27-28 from noon to 8pm

- Oct. 30 from 8am to 4pm  
The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the area during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

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five meals, and all materials. Space is limited to 25 couples. Submit an application form

and payment (checks payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter) to Kanae Quinn at

cnmme@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/Ftrnk2p8XS>. (PR)



## Club 88 Island Theme Mural Competition

In conjunction with the opening of our second e-gaming Club 88, Mariana Resort and Spa Club 88 is sponsoring a competition to paint a mural on the exterior wall of the veranda overlooking Mandi Asian Spa and the Pacific Ocean. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$1,500 to paint their design and showcase their talents. This competition is open to all local resident artists.

The mural will be painted by the selected artist on an outdoor wall measuring approximately 25 feet long by 20 feet high and will be painted. Paint and materials will be provided by Club 88. Subject material for the mural should be in keeping with the island/ocean theme; for example, ocean; reef; dolphins; sunset, etc.

Interested artists must submit their full-color design by the closing deadline of October 30, 2015. The winning design will be announced November 3rd. Designs should be submitted to: Michael Holl, (670) 233-0888; Club88MHoll@gmail.com.

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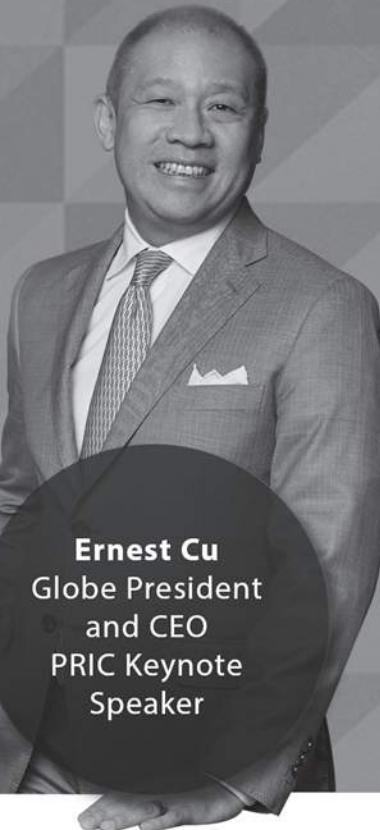
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President and CEO of Globe Telecommunications, Inc., Mr. Ernest Cu, leads the roster of speakers for the upcoming Conference as Keynote Speaker

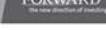


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## EDITORIAL

### A new mammogram regimen

The backlash was fierce six years ago when an expert federal panel said women were starting mammograms too young and getting them too often. Even though the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force based its recommendations on solid research that found annual mammograms starting at age 40 were not the lifesavers they had been made out to be, there were cries that this was the start of death panels that would deny women coverage for vital health screenings because of the cost. The American Cancer Society was among those attacking the panel, saying it would continue to call for the breast-cancer screenings for women 40 and older.

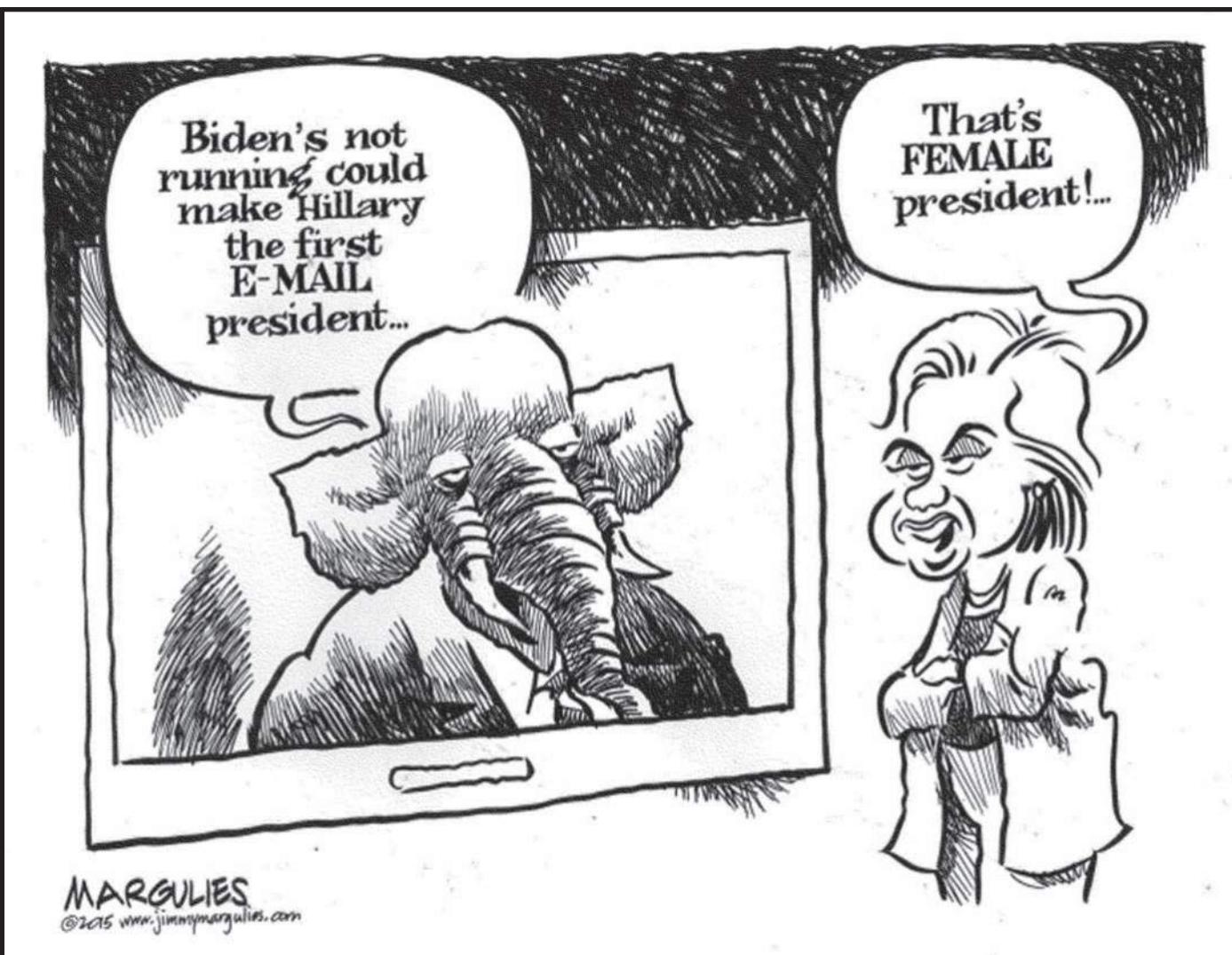
But this week, the society moved its own recommendations much closer to those of the task force. Women can wait until age 45 to begin mammograms without risking their health, the cancer-fighting organization said, and women older than 55 would be fine having the test done in alternate years rather than annually. The new recommendations will help alleviate the suspicion that any time the government suggests a less aggressive and less expensive medical route, it could only be doing so to save money, not help protect Americans' health.

In fact, the task force's bold proclamation in 2009 helped bring about a more questioning era in which it became more acceptable to challenge some of the screening and treatment that was once considered a bedrock of modern medicine. When the panel declared in 2012 that the PSA test for prostate cancer did substantially more harm than good, the blowback was more muted. Less than a year later, the American Urological Association came close to echoing that view, saying that men without risk factors could safely go through life without a PSA test.

It's not easy for the public—or for doctors following long-established practices—to get past the belief that the more high-tech testing and aggressive treatment we can throw at a problem, the better. Testing can save lives, but it also comes with risks—unnecessary tissue removal or, in the case of prostate cancers that could have been watched instead of irradiated or removed, serious side effects from treatment such as urinary, bowel and erectile dysfunction. The treat-no-matter-what approach may prevail even through the end stage of terminal diseases. A large study in 2013 found that terminally ill patients were frequently subjected to torturous last-ditch medical treatments during their final month of life, even when doctors knew there was no real hope.

The idea isn't to rob people of medical choices but rather for doctors to engage their patients in thoughtful conversations about tests and treatment. There are times when more isn't better; more doctors and patients are beginning to recognize that, thanks to the work of groups such as the Preventive Services Task Force.

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### Millennials' turn to take the blame

It's a rite of passage for each generation to get bashed by the media. The baby boomers were the original "me" generation, as they were dubbed by Tom Wolfe in the 1970s. In their 20s, they were portrayed as rebellious individualists who threatened to destroy all that was good about post-World War II America. Once the boomers grew up, got jobs and started families, they turned around and attacked Gen Xers, whom they characterized as apathetic, MTV-addled misanthropes.

Now it's the millennials' turn to take the blame for the downfall of society. Recently, in the Los Angeles Times, columnist Chris Erskine informed millennials that they are not really adults until they pledge to vote, pick their battles, drive without texting and hug their mothers, among other requirements. The reaction from millennials, Erskine later wrote, was predictably smug and humorless.

I was surprised by Erskine's pledge, not because finger-wagging at 20-somethings is anything new but because I thought we'd already hit peak millennial-trashing. Criticism of the millennial generation has become so familiar that the best jokes about it are meta. In August, a graphic designer and programmer named Eric Bailey created a browser extension that automatically replaces all Internet references to "millennials" with the words "snake people."

There's a discernible rhythm to media coverage of each generation as it ages. A generation is identified and named when most of its members are children or in their early teens. Around age 18, commentators and reporters start shaming and blaming these almost-adults for the decline of Western civilization. The reasons vary by generation: It's because of rebellion (boomers), apathy (Gen X) or selfishness (millennials).

Once a generation begins shouldering professional and familial obligations, there's a steep decline in media coverage. ("The members of Generation X have plenty to be grumpy about. For starters, no one talks about them anymore," reported Bloomberg Businessweek this year.) They are our workhorses, no longer sucking up resources from mom's basement and not yet draining our national coffers as retirees. In other words, they're boring. But once they hit their 60s, the trend stories pick up again. Lately, boomers have received almost as much negative press as their laziest-generation sons and daughters.

Strange to say, apart from baby boomers, the Census Bureau does not define generations. It's media outlets and academics that draw these arbitrary lines by birth year. Yet the temptation to define and judge younger generations is easy to understand: We are anxious about the future. More specifically, we are anxious about a future in which our values and lifestyle have been rendered obsolete. Documenting the way the younger generation lives—and the values it holds—is a way of figuring out whether we'll still be

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Los Angeles Times

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relevant in 10, 20, 30 years. It's a crystal ball. And, typically, we don't like what we see.

It's easy for me to not take millennial criticism personally because, while I squeak into the category—born in 1982—many of the hallmarks of this much-maligned generation don't apply to me. Yes, I'm comfortable on the Internet, but I spent my entire childhood in the pre-social-media era. I could legally buy beer before I owned my first cellphone. I like to text, but I'm not afraid to make a phone call. I almost exclusively stream music now, but I buy records too. I have healthy self-esteem, but I wasn't coddled. I didn't move back in with my parents as an adult. I've participated in social-justice marches and in hashtag-activism campaigns. Aligning these details with trend stories, it looks as if I am of every generation and none at all.

Perhaps a lack of generational identity is a trend in itself.

"Thirty or 40 years ago, there were stark, clear differences in generational likes and dislikes," wrote Neil Howe in Governing magazine in 2012. "Youthful boomers invented the generation gap and the notion that you shouldn't trust anyone over 30. Boomers actively, purposefully chose to have nothing in common with their parents. Not so today."

Apparently boomers and their millennial kids—and presumably the members of Gen X in between—are using the same apps, listening to the same music, watching the same shows. "The generation gap," the article concludes, "has been erased."

I do think that the generational differences highlighted by trend reports and listicles are not as stark as their authors would have us believe. (I'm living proof.) Still, that belief hasn't stopped me from consuming trend reports and listicles about Generation Z. Apparently, teenagers are not addicted to their phones and they're managing their brands, clarifies Fast Company. "As for the Web, violence, porn, they've already seen it all," explains Business Insider. They value privacy and are already deleting some of their social media accounts, according to Teen Vogue.

This crop of post-millennial teenagers is still being described with breathless curiosity, not outright annoyance. They should enjoy it while it lasts. Their time will come soon enough.

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## What Obama's Afghanistan troop decision means

In response to what he called a "fragile" security situation in Afghanistan, President Obama recently announced plans to leave about 5,500 U.S. troops there when he leaves office. Yet more Americans paid attention to who was voted off "The Voice."

Many of us treat the battles in the birthplace of 9/11 like most other foreign policy issues—something for Washington to worry about. But we ought to pay more attention.

Our troops are still in harm's way. It's still a dangerous part of the world, and there are no guarantees that squabbles over there won't spill over here. So what should we make of Obama's decision not to call it a day in Afghanistan?

Interestingly enough, pundits did not always give the answers you'd expect. Conservative scholar Fred Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute declared the president's half-measures in the country have "charted a course toward yet another disaster in South Asia." But liberal Tom Hayden of the Peace and Justice Research Center was no happier, complaining, "It's time to strip the Obama sticker off my car." He wants the troops out altogether.

On the other hand, the very left-leaning Sen. Bernie Sanders supported the president's decision. Lisa Curtis, a regional expert at right-leaning Heritage Foundation, agreed. "Obama has made the right choice in extending the U.S. troop presence in the country," she wrote.

There's a reason, though, that the politics of the experts in this case says so little about their comments. The political stakes in the president's decision are pretty small. Polls show that a majority of American on both sides of the political aisle support continuing a U.S. presence in Afghanistan.

Disagreements among opinion-makers reflect more the debate over what happens next in Afghanistan than the specifics of the president's decision. On the one side are analysts, who, no matter how they frame their views, generally agree the U.S. needs to stick around and probably do more. That view is shared by many worldwide, including most NATO countries, as well as Afghanistan's most important neighbors, Pakistan and India.

On the opposing side, whether they support troop withdrawal or not, are those looking for a way out. No one is debating that the situation in Afghanistan could deteriorate badly again: The Taliban would like to come back. Al-Qaida would love to raise its flag again. The Islamic State would like to supplant them both.

Given their druthers, there is no reason to believe Afghanistan couldn't once again become as dangerous as it was on Sept. 10, 2001. The question is whether there's anything America can do about it.

In the military, there is a standard for measuring whether or not it makes sense to try a plan. It's called the suitable, feasible, acceptable test. Your plan is suitable if it will actually solve the problem. It's feasible if you have the resources and it can be done. It's acceptable if the people who have to support it are willing to do so.

Americans are over the wave of anti-interventionism and isolation that swirled around the country after the anguish of the Iraq War. They have now seen retreating and indifferent leadership and how both leave matters just as appalling as if you tried to invade every country. They're ready to support a plan that makes sense.

While the picture isn't pretty in Afghanistan, the Afghans have shown they're willing to fight for their future. They want and deserve our support.

That leaves the question of whether there is a suitable plan to get there from here. Unfortunately, Obama doesn't have one. But leaving U.S. troops in the country gives the next president a chance to craft one.

Coming up with a sustainable strategy, however, will demand more than just addressing the troop situation in Afghanistan. The next occupant of the Oval Office will face grave security challenges in Europe, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific. The new president will also have to rebuild the military to make it equal to the task.

What Obama's decision mostly tells the next president is that Americans are ready to lead again. And that, at least, is good news.

## The feminist was a spook

Gloria Steinem's new book, "My Life on the Road," recounts her life's journeys and travels. Early reviews and profiles reveal incredible detail of Steinem's barrier-breaking feminist role, liberal politics, romances, proclivities and style.

What is often missed, or mischaracterized, however, is the work she did as a CIA agent: Steinem was a spook.

CIA agents are tight-lipped, but Steinem spoke openly about her relationship to The Agency in the 1950s and '60s after a magazine revealed her employment by a CIA front organization, the Independent Research Service.

While popularly pilloried because of her paymaster, Steinem defended the CIA relationship, saying: "In my experience The Agency was completely different from its image; it was liberal, nonviolent and honorable."

Less cloak and dagger and more a young, energetic, global representative for American values and freedom, Steinem leveraged her underwriting to attend international youth festivals organized and otherwise ideologically dominated by America's adversaries.

Long before the formalized concept of soft power, Steinem personified and promoted abroad the vigor and progressive nature of the U.S. youth movement.

Strange as it may seem, Steinem's personal views and CIA political goals aligned. Her brand of social revolution, promoted by American tax dollars, was meant to counter Soviet-sponsored revolutionary messaging. Public funds were intended to slow the Soviet scourge while showing America's alternative democratic face.

Drone-launched bombs carry a less subtle American message to today's targets. Given global challenges and threats, the CIA is put into a more difficult and militarized role than in the past. The Agency's own overreach and mistakes have created a new vulnerability, further exacerbated by the publishing of Edward Snowden's stolen files.

Perhaps, Steinem's 1960s characterization of a "liberal, nonviolent and honorable" CIA was idealistic and self-serving, but there is no question that today's Agency is still necessary and wildly different. The 6,700 page U.S. Senate torture report is a good place to start when seeking to understand how different.

Agency problems do not end with enhanced interrogation techniques and spying on Senator Dianne Feinstein's Intelligence Committee's computers, or former CIA Director David Petraeus' personal mistakes and failed WMD analyses.

Heaped on to all the evidence of misdeeds are popular entertainment programs like "Homeland" which reveal the moral complexity

## Making the sick pay

Last week, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush put forward a health care proposal as part of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. The plan, which has many moving parts, is intended as a replacement for the Affordable Care Act. If you don't anticipate getting sick, you might like it.

Instead of health care exchanges and mandated insurance, Bush's plan would provide tax credits for buying catastrophic coverage. This means the government would pick up a substantial share of the cost of a plan that has a large deductible, with the insurance only kicking in after a person had paid close to \$7,000 out of his or her own pocket, or \$13,000 for a couple.

At the same time, the Bush plan would eliminate the requirement that insurers disregard pre-existing conditions. Under the ACA, a person with cancer or diabetes can sign up for insurance and pay the same premium as a healthy person of the same age. While the Bush plan does include some protections, it does not guarantee coverage at an affordable price. In this respect, the Bush plan is quite explicitly designed to shift costs from the more healthy to the less healthy.

The goal of the ACA is to get everyone into a common pool and share the costs, regardless of whether we have good fortune in terms of our health. It doesn't do this perfectly, because there are still choices on coverage levels—consumers who choose gold plans are in a different pool from those who choose silver plans, and so forth—but this is its general direction. The Bush plan would take the country in the opposite direction, making it much easier for healthy people to avoid paying the cost of treating the ill.

In spite of this difference, there is an important area in which the two plans are similar.

Beginning in 2018, the ACA imposes a "Cadillac tax" on health care plans that cost more than \$10,200 a year for a single individual. The intention of the tax is to discourage plans that cost a lot up front but don't make patients contribute much at the point of service—

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ity and actionable ambiguity of intelligence operations and analysis.

It is no wonder that the CIA has detractors at home and abroad. The public is keenly aware of CIA missteps. The CIA itself is also aware. Former CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell recently apologized publicly for the WMD debacle, and last year CIA Director John Brennan told senators he was sorry.

It is easy to focus on failures and forget the dangers and drudgery of intelligence gathering, or to take time to celebrate the varied, but mostly secret victories of a service working hard to defend America.

It is rare for the public to see a dramatic success like "Operation Neptune Spear," the codename for the Abbottabad raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The world is in a dire period of greater global instability and conflict, with threats and challenges from Southeast Asia to Syria to borderless crime syndicates. In this environment, America needs more credible, analytic, insightful, accessible, high level and grassroots deep intelligence.

The American public may prefer to criticize or ignore the CIA's work, but it is better served by understanding the labor and limits of intelligence.

Political leaders need to support foreign intelligence activities, but assure they are checked and controlled. Mistakes will be made, and made worse by cover-ups or reactionary calls for excessive restraint.

Steinem chose to do an honorable duty. She used her brilliance, networks, access, clarity of thought, communication skills and charm to work for the CIA.

She is celebrated anew for her personal and professional achievements, and she deserves recognition for her unapologetic service. Steinem doesn't regret her time as a spook, saying, "If I had a choice I would do it again." Would today's CIA have a place for someone like Gloria Steinem?

By DEAN BAKER

Los Angeles Times



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through copays and the like. That's also what Bush's plan sets out to do by promoting catastrophic insurance with a high deductible.

There are two problems with the logic of this tax. First, the reason most expensive plans are expensive is not the generosity of the benefits; it is the health condition of the participants. Most of the plans that would be subject to the tax have a disproportionate share of older workers with higher medical expenses. So the tax won't primarily punish executives with luxurious, cushy plans; it will punish older workers who are more likely to have health issues.

The other problem with the tax—and the Bush plan—is that it assumes people would seek out more cost-efficient care if they paid for it out of pocket. But new evidence—from a study that came out the same week as the Bush plan—indicates that when people have to pay at the point of service, they often ignore necessary care. They don't just skip frivolous or purely optional treatments; they choose their wallets over their well-being.

Furthermore, they do not do the sort of comparison shopping that economists like to see. People might shop around for clothes or cars; they apparently don't shop around for colonoscopies or mammograms.

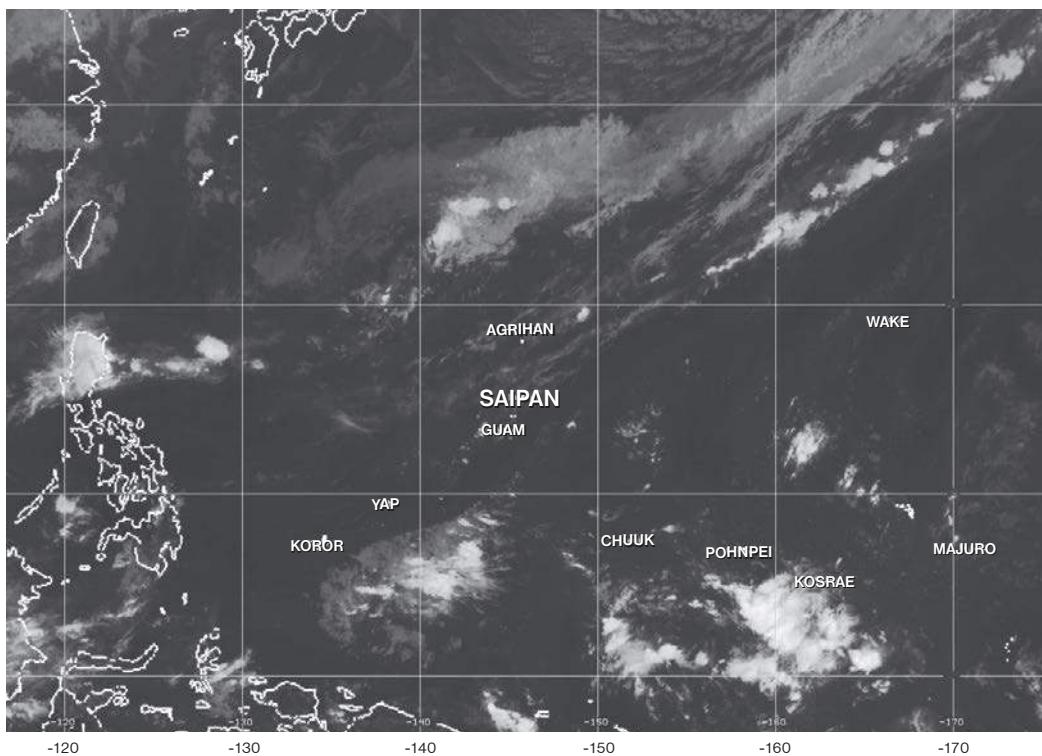
So both the Bush plan and the Cadillac tax will transfer costs from the more healthy to the less healthy. Both also rely on a disproven view that patients will be cost-efficient purchasers of medical treatment. Whatever their differences on other issues, Bush and Obama apparently have some common ground on health care.

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▾ 77°	▲ 88° ▾ 77°	▲ 88° ▾ 77°	▲ 88° ▾ 77°	▲ 88° ▾ 77°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A mid-latitude low pressure system is centered southwest of Iwo To island near 23N137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of a line from 20N138E to 25N150E elsewhere. Cloudiness and patchy rain are occurring north of a line from 20N130E to 20N138E. Converging northeast winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Yap and Koror within 125 miles of a line from 3N135E to 8N144E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae south of a line from 3N150E to 5N160E to 2N166E. Converging southwest winds near Minami Tori Shima are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms up to 100 miles northwest of a line from 21N157E to 25N164E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▾ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▾ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 80

## Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
8:19 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
2:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
8:00 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

## Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM

## Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:45 PM	5:34 AM
Wednesday	6:38 PM	6:36 AM
Thursday	7:33 PM	7:39 AM
Friday	8:29 PM	8:39 AM
Saturday	9:25 PM	9:38 AM

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## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 23, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA2924/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA2924/183	4:15am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/627	12:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
UA2924/183	4:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/2925	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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## Lujan earns financial advisor license



Lujan

**HAGATNA, Guam**—Bank of Guam's Cora C. Lujan has passed the Series 7 and 66 examinations, and is now a licensed financial advisor with BG Wealth Management.

Lujan is a BG Wealth Management officer for Bank of Guam. She was previously with Citibank Guam for 15 years, holding the positions of Country Business Support unit head and Citigold relationship manager. Lujan was also Citibank's branch services manager and branch services officer.

Lujan is a graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, earning her bachelors in Business Administration majoring in Accounting with the University of Guam.

## Public meeting on fate of Outer Cove Marina

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources is requesting all Outer Cove Marina tenants, Smiling Cove Marina tenants, recreational boaters and interested members of the public to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, at the DLNR DFW Smiling Cove Marina parking lot at 6:30pm.

DLNR will discuss the Performance Audit Report by the Office of the Public Auditor, as well as the inspection report from the Department of Public Works, Building Safety Code Division.

Following the collapse of an Outer Cove Marina gangway in July, DLNR requested for assistance from DPW for an inspection and structural integrity assessment, which was received on Oct. 21, 2015. The DPW report, along with an audit finding of the Office of the Public Auditor, recommended a closure of the Outer Cove Marina.

During the public meeting DLNR will expand on its initial discussions with grantors under the Sport Fish Restoration Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to accommodate the loading and unloading of passengers within the Smiling Cove Marina.

If you have any question or need additional information, contact the Department of Lands and Natural Resources at (670) 322-9834. (**DLNR**)

# Chinese teacher sues US govt for denial of entry to Saipan

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REPORTER

Yu Min Zhao, a Chinese teacher who sued eight U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers for allegedly denying her entry to Saipan on suspicion that she was pregnant and slamming her face against the wall, has refiled her lawsuit in federal court.

In the new lawsuit, Zhao, through counsel Samuel I. Mok, is suing only the U.S. government for false arrest and impris-

ement, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and assault and battery.

In the original lawsuit, which was terminated last March, Zhao sued CBP officer Dennis Jacobs and seven other unnamed CBP officers. She claimed she was handcuffed, her face slammed against the wall, and placed in isolation for 22 hours.

In her new complaint, which was filed last week, Zhao is asking the federal court to hold the U.S. government liable to pay

her an unspecified amount of damages, attorney's fees, and courts costs. She demanded a jury trial.

In terminating the original lawsuit, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said Zhao has filed neither an amended complaint nor an opposition to CBP officer Jacobs' motion.

On Jan. 12, 2015, the court granted Jacobs' motion for judgment on the pleadings, but allowed Zhao to amend her com-

plaint no later than Jan. 27, 2015.

The day before the amendment came due, the parties in the lawsuit asked to extend the time to file the amended complaint to Feb. 2, 2015. The court granted the stipulation.

The Feb. 2 deadline came, but no amended complaint was filed.

Jacobs then filed a motion for a final order of judgment on the pleadings. Manglona granted Jacobs' motion and dismissed all claims against the other defendants, who were never iden-

tified or served.

Jacobs denied the allegations against him.

Zhao, 33, said she and her husband arrived at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport from Beijing to enjoy a tropical island holiday on Saipan as a much needed break.

Zhao alleged that her husband, Jian Li, was questioned first on that same day by a CBP officer and was admitted under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program without incident.

## 'HANMI Me!' celebrates 30 years of HANMI with free hotel night stays

Interested in winning a hotel night stay from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands?

In celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, HANMI has launched its "HANMI Me!" campaign, selecting a random winner each week over the next several months for a hotel night stay at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, or Saipan World Resort.

Winners will be selected from among cars with the "HANMI Me!" bumper sticker now be-



Winners will be selected from among cars with the "HANMI Me!" bumper sticker now being distributed at participating hotels.

ing distributed at participating hotels. Each weekly winner will be announced on Fridays on HANMI 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HANMI30](http://www.facebook.com/HANMI30) and on Power 99 during "On-the-Go" traffic segments. Prizes will be distributed at Power 99.

"HANMI is happy to cel-

ebreate 30 years of partnership with the local government and community with a series of celebration activities, including our logo contest and donations from Taste of the Marianas and for typhoon recovery efforts," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "Now we're looking forward to welcoming the winners

of the 'HANMI Me!' campaign to enjoy some of our resort hotels with a free night stay."

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. Today the association comprises 12 of the major hotels in the Northern Marianas serving a diversity

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of markets including Korea, Japan, China, and Russia. The association also has a growing number of associate members in related industries.

HANMI members account for most of the hotel rooms in the Northern Marianas. Last year, HANMI members contributed \$13.2 million in hotel occupancy tax to government coffers, as well as \$4.4 million in gross revenue receipts. The hotel industry is the largest private employer in the CNMI, with HANMI members currently employing about 1,600 employees. (**HANMI**)



### JOINING THE FIGHT

In support of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's breast cancer fundraiser, Best Sunshine International Ltd. affirms its commitment to community causes such as last Friday's donation to CCA. In this photo, CCA officials and advocates are joined by BSI's Corporate Social Responsibility Team led by chief service officer Tao Xing and CSR director Rita Chong.

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## 30TH INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

### Sign up for global coastal cleanup on Nov. 14

It is not too late to sign up for 30<sup>th</sup> Annual International Coastal Cleanup, which will be held this year on Nov. 14, 2015, a Saturday. Get your friends, family, coworkers, club members, and anyone else to take an hour out of their Saturday and pick up trash. Join in CNMI's and the

world's fight to keep our seas trash free.

Worldwide the top 10 common things that are found along the shore are cigarettes, food wrappers, plastic bottle caps, and other items that equaled 17,765 lbs of trash. There is no denying that trash is an issue along our coasts.

Saipan picked up almost 4,035 cigarette butts, 1,899 food wrappers, 1,412 plastic bottle caps, and other items that equaled 17,765 lbs of trash. There is no denying that trash is an issue along our coasts.

Trash not only becomes an eyesore on the beaches that residents and tourist enjoy, but

it can also cause health issues from water pollution and dangers from stepping on trash (e.g., glass). Our wildlife is also in danger from the debris we find along our coast. They get entangled, ingest it, and in some cases it is the cause of their mortality.

Join this global and local effort! Put your community first and sign up for the International Coastal Cleanup on your island. Call your local coordinator and

see what beaches are available for cleanup. An hour of work will remove debris dangers from our coast and protect us and the local wildlife.

The Saipan ICC coordinators are Jihan Buniag, 664-8513 or email [jihanbuniagbecq@gmail.com](mailto:jihanbuniagbecq@gmail.com); Megan Jungwi, 664-8300 or email [meganjungwi.crm@gmail.com](mailto:meganjungwi.crm@gmail.com); and Erin Derrington, 664-8510 or email [emderrington.cnmi@gmail.com](mailto:emderrington.cnmi@gmail.com). (**DEQ**)

# Business

## Is Volkswagen so complicated only insiders can fix it?

**WOLFSBURG, Germany** (AP)—Volkswagen's effort to fix its emissions scandal will be largely led by company insiders. Some experts say it's the only way, given the German carmaker's unusually complicated structure and power groups.

Others, however, argue the company is just compounding its risks if it does not bring an outsider to change its ways.

Volkswagen has named a new CEO and chairman since the scandal became known Sept. 18. Both are longtime employees.

The effort to find the guilty and prevent a recurrence is in the hands of new CEO Matthias Mueller, who has been with the group for almost three decades. Mueller, who previously led Volkswagen's highly profitable Porsche brand, took over when Martin Winterkorn resigned.

The new board chairman, Hans Dieter Poetsch, had been chief financial officer since 2003. There's no indication he knew about the decision to cheat on the U.S. diesel emissions tests with software installed in engines. But he was a member of the top management team in place when the cheating took place, a group of executives that hasn't yet been formally cleared of involvement.

Mueller has promised a new, more open approach.

The question is, will Volkswagen identify the guilty—but miss the chance to change the culture that enabled the scandal in the first place?

### A DIFFERENT KIND OF COMPANY

Volkswagen can be a complicated place to figure out.

The billionaire members of the Piech and Porsche families collectively control a majority of the voting rights through



In this Sept. 24, 2015, file photo, the grille of a Volkswagen car for sale is decorated with the iconic company symbol in Boulder, Colo.

their holding company, Porsche Automobil Holding SE. They include Ferdinand Piech, who served as CEO from 1993 to 2002 and only left the board chairmanship in April.

And the local government and unions hold a lot of power, too.

Lower Saxony, the German state where Volkswagen's Wolfsburg headquarters is located, holds a 20 percent voting stake, giving it the legal right to block plant closures. Employee representatives by law hold half of the board seats, and can also veto important decisions.

Dirk Toepfer, a member of the parliament of Lower Saxony, presents a commonly heard argument in Germany: that the peculiarities of Volkswagen mean company veterans are best positioned to lead the clean-up.

"Volkswagen is a different

world," says Toepfer. "That means this enterprise functions under different rules than other enterprises. That's why they need someone that knows the structure."

"Someone who comes completely from the outside and doesn't know how the rules of the game go will fail at the cleanup."

The management under Winterkorn also has been criticized as overly opaque and hierarchical. Employee representative Bernd Osterloh lamented last month the need for "a culture in which it's possible and permissible to argue with your superior about the best way to go."

Some question whether pressure to meet Volkswagen's target of passing Toyota as the world's largest car maker led people to cut corners. Volkswagen achieved that goal in the

first half of this year, just before the scandal broke out.

Toepfer acknowledged that the inside-outside question has two sides: "Before it's known who was involved and how,

there's the danger that those put in charge of clarifying matters were involved themselves."

### THE COMPANY VIEW

Volkswagen has made some effort to reach outside, hiring U.S. law firm Jones Day to find out who knew and did what in the scandal. It has also brought in an executive from competitor Daimler, a former top judge, to oversee legal compliance.

Volkswagen also sought legal clarification about Poetsch's move to become chairman, said Hans-Gerde Bode, the company's director of communications. "Knowing that these questions would come up, we obtained a legal opinion ahead of time, which made this change possible to undertake, because we knew, yes, that will lead to multi-sided discussion."

Bode said the company cannot predict what Jones Day will find but that it's "relatively sure that the CFO and the very top management was not involved in this decision" to alter engine software so that the cars evaded the U.S. tests.

He added: "Naturally, if at

one point or another possible conflicts of interest are indicated with anyone whatsoever, these people will surely not be part of any meeting where Jones Day reports something and where decisions are taken."

### RISKS WITH INSIDERS

Carol Adams, a professor at Durham University Business School in Britain, questions the idea that only an insider could fix Volkswagen. She says that may stem from the scarcity of outside directors on its board, which is dominated by the owner families and employee representatives: "If you've got a board with independent directors on it, you're less likely to have that fear of questioning a particular culture."

"Do they really mean that an outsider couldn't understand the culture, or that an outsider might question that culture?" she said.

Stephan Bratzel, director of the Center of Automotive Management at the University of Applied Sciences-Bergisch Gladbach, says the Jones Day probe will likely identify the individuals responsible.

## Report suspected harassment to HR right away

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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## United Auto Workers, General Motors reach contract agreement

**DETROIT** (AP)—The United Auto Workers union and General Motors Co. have reached a tentative agreement on a new four-year contract, avoiding a strike for now.

The UAW said the agreement was reached at 11:43 p.m. Sunday, 16 minutes before the deadline it had set to either reach an agreement or call a strike at GM's U.S. plants.

Details of the proposed contract weren't immediately available. The UAW said local union leaders will meet Wednesday in Detroit to vote on the tentative agreement. If they approve it, GM's U.S. hourly workers will vote on it.

The agreement covers 52,600 U.S. auto workers at 62 GM facilities in the U.S.

UAW President Dennis Williams said the proposed deal will provide "long-term, signifi-

cant wage gains and job security benefits now and in the future."

The union also hinted that this agreement—like a contract passed last week by Fiat Chrysler workers—gradually will eliminate a much-hated two-tier wage system in the plants.

GM said in a statement that the agreement benefits employees but still provides flexibility to the company.

The company said it would not comment further until the agreement is ratified.

The union told GM on Saturday that it would terminate its contract just before midnight Sunday. The UAW made a similar strike threat in discussions with Fiat Chrysler, but negotiators also were able to avoid a walkout then.

Executives said they believe they can negotiate a union deal that lets GM maintain 10 percent pretax profit margins in North America.

any texts or emails which are not job-related. If he inquires about personal matters, brush off the question with a general comment, then change the subject to work.

Sadly, a few predatory managers seem to target young women who are new to the workforce. Running into such a stalker at the beginning of your career can be a disheartening experience. Fortunately, the odds are good that future bosses will only be interested in your abilities.

**Q: I am both excited and scared about my recent promotion. My manager chose me for this position over many other well-qualified people. I'm pleased that she has so much faith in me, but I am also concerned that I may not be ready for this role. Should I tell her that I'm afraid I can't handle it?**

**A:** Thanks for pointing this out. According to the Society for Human Resource Management, employers are legally required "to pay their employees for all hours worked on regularly scheduled paydays set by the employer," even if no timesheet has been submitted. Because pay practices are regulated by both federal and state laws, the best source of expertise on any pay matter is a local attorney specializing in employment law.

istic talk with your boss about your strengths and development needs. Find out why you were selected, then suggest specific areas where training or mentoring might be beneficial. Once you have a plan for conquering the learning curve, your confidence may increase.

**Q: In a recent answer, you suggested withholding paychecks until timesheets were turned in. It's my understanding that employers are obligated to pay employees in a timely manner even if they don't complete a timesheet. Could you clarify?**

**A:** No one starts a higher-level job with all the required information and skills, so feeling anxious about a promotion is not unusual. Instead of predicting failure, have a real-

# Nation

## Woman faces 2nd-degree murder charges in parade crash

**STILLWATER, Okla.** (AP)—

A woman faces second-degree murder charges after authorities said she plowed a car into the crowd at an Oklahoma State University homecoming parade, killing four people, including a toddler.

Adacia Chambers, a 25-year-old resident of the college town, was arrested after the Saturday crash on a driving while under the influence charge, and Stillwater police said Sunday she was being held on four additional counts of second-degree murder.

Police did not elaborate on the new charges in a statement announcing them, and a spokesman did not return repeated messages seeking comment. Officials with the Payne County district attorney's office couldn't immediately be reached.

Tony Coleman, Chambers' attorney, said his client may suffer from a mental illness. He also said she did not smell of alcohol when he met her hours after the crash. Police are awaiting blood tests to determine if she was impaired by drugs or alcohol.

"I absolutely can rule out alcohol," Coleman told a press conference in Oklahoma City, adding that he had spoken to her aunt, grandmother and boyfriend and all had said she was not drinking. He added it was his opinion that she suffers from



People attend a vigil on the campus of Oklahoma State University, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Stillwater, Okla. AP

a mental illness and said there were warning signs from her behavior before the crash, including an inability to sleep.

"She doesn't remember a whole lot about what happened. There was a period where I think ... she could have even blacked out," Coleman said. Chambers only recalls people removing her from the car and being extremely confused, he said.

Messages to Stillwater police seeking comment on Chambers' statements weren't immediately returned.

Chambers' father, Floyd Chambers of Oologah, told The Oklahoman newspaper Saturday he couldn't believe his daughter was involved and said she was not an alcoholic. Floyd Chambers couldn't be reached for comment Sunday by The

Associated Press.

Adacia Chambers is being held in the Payne County jail and is set for an initial court hearing Monday, police said.

Witnesses of the crash described a scene of chaos as bodies flew into the air from the impact and landed on the road. Three adults and a 2-year-old boy, who wasn't immediately identified, were killed and at

least 46 others were hurt, including at least four critically injured. Hospitals initially said five were critically injured, but one of those was upgraded to fair condition on Sunday.

## Early prison release will test drug felons, re-entry groups

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—She was the queen of the "OK Corral," a tot-toting grandmother who stepped up to rent out street corners and run the bustling cocaine trade in her north Philadelphia neighborhood after her 20-year-old son was gunned down.

By the time a younger son finished testifying against her in federal court in 1990, Myrna Suren was sent off to serve a life sentence. She was 41 years old.

Now 67, Suren will soon leave the federal prison in downtown Philadelphia where

she has spent 25 years. She is one of the 6,000 drug felons set for release around Nov. 1 as part of a national effort to reduce what the U.S. Sentencing Commission now deems to be overly harsh—and expensive—drug laws enacted during the era's "War on Drugs."

Whatever their hopes and dreams, the thousands of inmates returning to communities across the U.S. may find re-entry more difficult than they imagined. And it's unclear—from Associated Press inter-

views with lawyers, prisoner advocates, parole officials and a federal judge—how much support they'll find.

"Some are coming out after three years, some after 20," said Elizabeth Toplin, a federal public defender who reviewed about 800 drug cases in the Philadelphia region. "It's a different world. These guys come out of jail and they've never seen a cellphone. ... Unless we intervene properly, when people come home, they just don't have the resources not to go back."

Many of those returning home expect a smooth landing, according to their petitions for early release.

Jose Antonio Pagan plans to seek work, possibly in marine mechanics, after his sentence for smuggling hundreds of kilos of cocaine by boat from the Bahamas to Florida was cut from 14 to 11 years. Pagan said his life derailed after he "drifted to a singular crime of monumental consequences." He and his wife are divorcing, but he said his parents will take him in.

## Texas spared destruction from Hurricane Patricia's remnants

**AUSTIN, Texas** (AP)—

Drenching storms that the remnants of Hurricane Patricia dragged into Texas finally cleared Sunday without leaving behind the death or devastation of torrential rain and floods that hit the state earlier in the year.

Some parts of Texas have been pounded by more than a foot of rain since Friday, shutting down busy highways and derailing a train. But relentless showers were gratefully the only comparison to Memorial Day storms that killed more than 30 people in Texas and Oklahoma and stranded 2,500

cars around Houston.

No deaths were reported from the most recent storm. One man who had been missing in San Antonio after authorities said he was swept into a flooded drainage ditch was found alive and was being treated at a hospital, fire department Chief Charles Hood said.

By Sunday morning, as swollen bayous around Houston receded and closed roads reopened in Austin, daybreak revealed scant damage.

"We're going to stand down the emergency management operations and call it a day," said Galveston County Judge

Mark Henry, who had issued a voluntary evacuation covering roughly 4,000 homes.

Patricia roared ashore in Mexico on Friday as a Category 5 terror that barreled toward land with winds up to 200 mph. But the arrival of the most powerful hurricane on record in the Western Hemisphere caused remarkably little destruction, and what was left of Patricia by the time the weakened storm straggled into parched Texas was greeted with both relief and unease.

A hot and dry summer in Texas revived drought conditions that a wet spring all but

wiped out. A deluge in late May overwhelmed saturated areas and caused deadly flooding, and nine inches of rain dumped in parts of Houston this weekend was the most since those spring storms.

But officials said months of sweltering Texas weather made for a more manageable drenching, which also fell at a steady rate instead of in buckets.

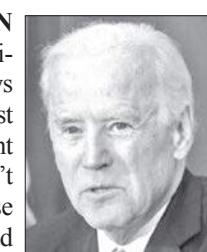
"We had much drier grounds that could handle more of the rainfall and soak it in," National Weather Service Meteorologist Scott Overpeck said. "We had drought conditions we were dealing with."

In the wide-ranging interview, in which Biden took questions for a time joined by his wife, Jill, the vice president also said he would not have gotten into the race just to stop Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I've said from the begin-

ning, 'Look, I like Hillary. Hillary and I get along together,'" he said. "The only reason to run is because ... I still think I could do a better job than anybody else could do."

He used the interview to play down suggestions his announcement not to run, made at the White House Wednesday with President Barack Obama standing at his side,



Biden included a jab at Clinton.

At the White House event, Biden lamented partisan bickering in Washington politics and said, "I don't think we should look at Republicans as our enemies." Clinton had made a statement to that effect during the Democratic presidential debate earlier this month.

"That wasn't directed at Hillary," Biden told "60 Minutes."

"That was a reference to Washington, all of Washington," he said.

The 72-year-old Biden also sought in the interview to dispel recurrent rumors that his late son Beau, who died earlier this year at age 46 of brain cancer, had made a last-minute plea to his father to run for president.

Biden said there was no such "Hollywood moment ... Nothing like that ever, ever happened," he said. "Beau all along thought that I should run and I could win."

"But there was not what was sort of made out as kind of this Hollywood-esque thing that, at the last minute, Beau grabbed my hand and said, 'Dad, you've got to run,' like win one for the Gipper," Biden said.

# Asia

## NKorean sister, SKorean brother can't resolve old grievance

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—This weekend, scores of Koreans on both sides of the border are holding reunions with family members divided by the Korean War some six decades ago. Most have not seen each other since then—and may never again.

This is the second three-day session of reunions organized by the two countries held at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea.

South Korean Lee Cheon-wu, a 78-year-old retired farmer, was at the first session, held during the middle of the week. Here, in his own words, is what he will remember about what will likely be his last meeting with his 84-year-old sister, North Korean Ri Mun Wu.

When the North Korean participants came into the reunion center, I quickly recognized my elder sister because

she looks exactly like our late mother. I quickly shouted, "Sister!" and rushed over and embraced her. She asked me "Who are you?" So I said, "It's me. Cheon-wu!" She wept and hugged me.

They look so much alike, it really feels like I reunited with my mother, who died 24 years ago.

She was 12 and I was 6 when she was sent to North Korea in 1943, before the war, so we didn't share many stories about the good old days. We just talked about how we've lived in the years since. She had a big misunderstanding about our parents so I tried to resolve that, but it didn't work.

My parents sent her to a relative's house in Hamhung in North Korea because they couldn't financially take care of all their children at the time. They planned to get her later,



In this Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 photo, South Korean Lee Cheon-wu, a 78-year-old retired farmer, who recently returned from North Korea after meeting with his North Korean sister Ri Mun Wu, 84, during the Separated Family Reunion Meeting, poses with a bottle of liquor from his sister, for a photograph at his home in Seoul, South Korea.

but they couldn't because the Korean War broke out in 1950.

My sister said a relative there told her that our parents had sold her, so the new family forced her to do all the housework like dish-washing and rice-cooking. I repeatedly told her that our parents didn't sell her and that they tried to get her back when the situation got better but she wouldn't believe it.

I learned she was alive about eight years ago when an ethnic Korean Chinese visited me and said my sister was looking for me. We exchanged letters and photos through this broker, who told me they could bring her to a certain place in China to arrange a meeting with her if I came to China with 2 million won (\$1,770). But I didn't do it because I worried they might be trying to swindle me. This week, I took the two let-

ters they said my sister wrote and asked her if she'd really written them. She's now suffering Alzheimer's disease and she couldn't remember. But I came to believe they were her letters after talking with her.

I brought two suitcases full of medicine, pain killers, medicated patches, cosmetics, nutritional supplements, long underwear, a coat, a parka and pants. When I asked her to put on some of the clothes, I found she was wearing three thin long johns. I told her I'm not wearing any long johns and she was really surprised. She's 84 so she's old and thin and more sensitive to cold.

Her Alzheimer's, age and a hearing problem meant that we wouldn't have been able to reunite if this happened two or three years later.

I also gave her \$500, and she gave us three bottles of liquor and some cookies. She said she was sorry for not giving me more even though I gave her many presents.

"Please, don't say that," I said. "I didn't come here to get presents from you. You probably didn't come for the presents either."

"You were smart when you were a little boy and you're still smart," she said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Hospital charity says Afghan bombing death toll rises to 30

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The number of people killed when U.S. forces bombed a trauma hospital in northern Afghanistan earlier this month has risen to 30, the international medical charity Doctors Without Borders, which ran the clinic, said on Sunday. The death toll includes "10 known patients, 13 known staff and seven unrecognizable bodies," the organization said in a statement. The clinic in Kunduz was bombed by U.S. forces on Oct. 3. The charity, also known by its French acronym MSF, said that the corpses were found in the debris of the destroyed hospital buildings and "have not been identified." They may include one staffer and two patients still missing and presumed dead, it said.

were singing in private rooms at the Inul Vizta Karaoke club in downtown Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province, said the city's police chief, Col. Rio Permana. Workers were unable to put out the fire with extinguishers. It took firefighters several hours to bring the blaze under control.

#### Bangladesh rejects Islamic State claim of attack on Shiites

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** (AP)—Bangladesh has rejected the Islamic State group's claim that it was behind a bomb attack on thousands of Shiite Muslims in the nation's capital. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said Sunday that there was no evidence to suggest involvement by the IS and accused local banned Islamic extremist groups and an Islamist party for planning Saturday's attack in an attempt to destabilize the country. Unidentified attackers hurled home-made bombs at Shiite Muslims gathered for a religious procession in Dhaka before dawn Saturday. A teenage boy died and more than 100 other people were injured. The Islamic State group posted a statement online Saturday claiming responsibility for the attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi activities.

## Maldives leader says VP's arrest over boat blast 'not easy'

**MALE, Maldives** (AP)—The Maldives' president appealed for calm throughout the island nation Sunday, after his deputy was arrested on suspicion of treason for allegedly plotting to assassinate him with an explosion on his boat.

President Yameen Abdul Gayoom, who escaped the Sept. 28 blast unhurt, told reporters it "was not easy" to see the arrest of Vice President Ahmed Adeeb, a young protege appointed to the office only three months ago.

The decision to arrest Adeeb was made "for the security of the country," Gayoom said, but added that he would wait for the case to go to trial before beginning any process to impeach him.

The arrest marks the latest in a series of political shakedowns and power struggles in the Maldives that have seized the fragile, young democracy since it held its first elections in 2008, after 30 years of autocracy under Gayoom's half-brother.

After Adeeb's arrest on Saturday, a small group of his supporters staged a protest that led

to a police crackdown, with 17 people detained.

The home minister said Adeeb would be charged with "high treason," an offense not specified in the penal code but still used in the Maldives for terrorism or offenses against the state by government officials.

Gayoom said the investigation suggested Adeeb was connected with two soldiers arrested for tampering with evidence on the boat soon after the blast. He said police had found bomb-making materials at their homes.

Adeeb's lawyer on Saturday called the allegations against his client untrue.

During a hearing in which Adeeb and his lawyers participated by teleconference, the court approved his detention for 15 days of questioning while police conduct raids on the homes and businesses of his family and associates.

Gayoom has been dodging controversy since he won the presidency in 2013 after hotly disputed elections against a

predecessor who was forced to resign three years earlier amid public protests. Former President Mohamed Nasheed is now serving 13 years behind bars on a conviction delivered in a rushed trial widely criticized as unfair.

The 33-year-old Adeeb, who was hugely popular with young Maldivians, was credited with delivering the important youth vote to Gayoom. Some 40 percent of the mostly Muslim country's 350,000 people are aged from 15 to 34.

In July, Adeeb was moved from the Tourism Ministry to become vice president, after lawmakers loyal to Gayoom impeached his predecessor and lowered the minimum presidential age from 35 to 30.

The promotion put Adeeb next in line for the presidency, should Gayoom be unable to govern. Adeeb was also given influence and powers beyond those of his elder colleagues, including heading the country's economic council and mapping out plans for a special economic zone. Meanwhile, he kept control over

tourism—a major industry for an island nation known worldwide for its palm-fringed beaches, clear waters and luxury resorts.

After the explosion tore through the president's boat last month, rumors soon began circulating that Adeeb was behind the blast—allegations he emphatically denied.

Investigators ruled out mechanical failure as a cause of the blast, and the government said an explosive device had been placed under the seat the president usually occupied.

Authorities carried out raids on the homes and businesses of Adeeb's associates, but have refused to give any details about what may allegedly have been found. Gayoom also sacked his defense minister and the police commissioner after the blast.

Adeeb was taken into custody Saturday at the airport immediately upon returning from an official visit to China. Police spokesman Ismail Ali said Adeeb was wanted "on suspicion of involvement in the boat blast."

## Couple in PH killings brought to China for trial

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A Chinese consular officer and her husband, who allegedly killed two other Chinese diplomats and wounded their consul-general in a Philippine city, have been taken back to China where they will be tried, officials said Saturday.

Philippine police turned over the couple to Chinese authorities, who flew them to Xiamen in southeastern China on a chartered flight from central Cebu City on Friday, two days after the fatal shooting inside a restaurant, said Foreign Affairs

spokesman Charles Jose.

Police say the consul's husband has been accused of killing diplomats Sun Shan and Hui Li and wounding Consul-General Song Ronghua on Wednesday at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Cebu, where China had established a consulate.

Jose said the Chinese government had invoked diplomatic immunity for the couple under the 1961 Vienna Convention and a 2009 bilateral accord between Beijing and Manila.

"They will be tried under

Chinese law," Jose said. "They (Chinese authorities) asked for help, so the evidence obtained by the (Philippine police) will be shared with them."

Regional police director Chief Superintendent Prudencio Tom Banas said the couple has not issued any statement that could explain the motive for the shooting partly because they could not speak English. The victims and the suspects were attending a birthday lunch in a private room at the restaurant when the shooting occurred, Banas said.

Police Senior Superintendent Rey Lyndon Lawas said one of the restaurant staff heard arguments "over financial matters" before shots were fired.

China has previously insisted on trying its citizens who have been accused of crimes in other countries. A Beijing court sentenced a Chinese man to life in prison in 2012 for murdering his girlfriend in Canada. In 2011, a Shanghai court handed a 15-year prison term to a Chinese man who admitted he killed a taxi driver in Auckland.

# World

## EU leaders move to slow migrant arrivals, provide shelter

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—European and Balkan leaders agreed on measures early Monday to slow the movement of tens of thousands whose flight from war and poverty has overwhelmed border guards and reception centers and heightened tension among nations along the route to the European Union's heartland.

In a statement to paper over deep divisions about how to handle the crisis, the leaders committed to bolster the borders of Greece as it struggles to cope with the wave of refugees from Syria and beyond that cross over through Turkey.

The leaders decided that reception capacities should be boosted in Greece and along the Balkans migration route to shelter 100,000 more people as winter looms.

They also agreed to expand border operations and make full use of biometric data like fingerprints as they register and screen migrants, before decid-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, center, poses with other leaders during a group photo at an EU summit at EU headquarters in Brussels on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. E

demonstrate that it is a continent of values and of solidarity."

"We will need to take further steps in order to get through this," she said.

Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar said his small Alpine nation was being overwhelmed by the refugees—with 60,000 arriving in the last 10 days—and was not receiving enough help from its EU partners.

He put the challenge in simple terms: if no fresh approach is forthcoming "in the next few days and weeks, I do believe that the European Union and Europe as a whole will start to fall apart."

The leaders agreed to rapidly dispatch 400 border guards to Slovenia as a short-term measure.

As they arrived at the hastily organized meeting, some leaders traded blame for the influx with their neighbors, with Greece targeted for the mismanagement of its porous island border.

"We should go down south and defend the borders of

plan to install cameras.

"Israel has an interest in stationing cameras in all parts of the Temple Mount. First, in order to disprove the claim that Israel is changing the status quo. Second, to show where the provocations really come from and to foil them before they ever happen," he said.

Israeli officials said the plan was for Israeli police and officials from the Waqf, the Jordanian-backed religious authority that administers the Muslim sites, to have access to footage.

Palestinian officials gave the camera plan a cool reception.

## Pacific coast area hardest hit by Patricia begins to dig out

**EL REBALSE, Mexico** (AP)—The town square in El Rebalse is now an island amid Hurricane Patricia's floodwaters, a place for Maria Santana Vazquez and her husband to rest Sunday after wading through water, at times chest deep, trying to return home.

All around, kids swam, a dog paddled and just before noon two high-clearance army transport trucks arrived—the first outside help since Patricia, the hemisphere's strongest hurricane on record, roared in Friday night and washed out the only paved road into town.

While Mexico for the most part was relieved that the storm caused no fatalities and only marginal damage in the resort of Puerto Vallarta and the principle port of Manzanillo, the sparsely populated zone of Pacific coast where Patricia

delivered its fury was only beginning to assess the full damage Sunday.

President Enrique Pena Nieto said Saturday that 3,000 to 3,500 homes were damaged and about 8,650 acres of farmland were hurt. But that was before anyone from the government arrived in El Rebalse, a town surrounded by banana plantations that Associated Press journalists tried to reach on foot before hitching a ride on the army trucks.

Banana trees as far as the eye could see were snapped in half, and large bunches of the fruit moldered in the intense sun.

"They're going to lose a whole year," Santana's husband, Artemio Sanmeron Sanchez, said of the plantations where everyone in town made their living.

### Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale

Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale is used to estimate potential damage and flooding expected along a coast from a hurricane landfall.

#### CATEGORY 1 Winds 74-95 mph (119-153 kph)

Storm surge 4-5 ft. (1.2-1.5 m)  
Damage Minimal; signs, tree branches and power lines blown down; damage to mobile homes



#### CATEGORY 2 Winds 96-110 mph (154-177 kph)

Storm surge 6-8 ft. (1.8-2.4 m)  
Damage Moderate; some damage to roofs, windows; some downed trees



#### CATEGORY 3 Winds 111-129 mph (178-208 kph)

Storm surge 9-12 ft. (2.7-3.7 m)  
Damage Extensive; minor damage to buildings, homes; large trees blown down



#### CATEGORY 4 Winds 130-156 mph (209-251 kph)

Storm surge 13-18 ft. (4.0-5.5 m)  
Damage Extreme; almost total destruction of doors, windows; mobile homes destroyed



#### CATEGORY 5 Winds more than 157 mph (252 kph)

Storm surge Higher than 18 ft. (5.5 m)  
Damage Catastrophic; buildings, roofs, structures destroyed; all trees, shrubs downed



Source: U.S. National Hurricane Center

Graphic: Staff, TNS

ing whether to grant them asylum or send them home.

"The immediate imperative is to provide shelter," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said after chairing the mini-summit of 11 regional leaders in Brussels. "It cannot be that in the Europe of 2015 people are left to fend for

themselves, sleeping in fields."

Nearly 250,000 people have passed through the Balkans since mid-September.

Croatia said 11,500 people entered its territory on Saturday, the highest tally in a single day since Hungary put up a fence and refugees started moving sideways into Croatia

a month ago.

Many are headed northwest to Austria, Germany and Scandinavia where they hope to find a home.

"This is one of the greatest litmus tests that Europe has ever faced," German Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters after the summit. "Europe has to

## Kerry plan for Jerusalem site leaves many issues unanswered

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—John Kerry's latest Mideast mission has aimed for the modest goal of easing tensions around Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site—the focal point of more than a month of deadly unrest.

But the steps announced by the U.S. secretary of state over the weekend did little to address the deeper issues behind the fighting, disappointing the Palestinians and raising fears that even if calm is restored, it is just a matter of time before another round of violence erupts.

During a swing through the region, Kerry announced the steps on Saturday after several

days of meetings with Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian leaders. The highlight was a Jordanian proposal to install surveillance cameras at the Jerusalem holy site that is known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

More than a month of violence has been fueled by Palestinian allegations that Israel is trying to change the delicate status quo at the site, which allows non-Muslims to visit but not pray.

The hilltop compound, home to the biblical Jewish Temples, is the holiest site in Judaism.

## Sweden school attack victim loved music, dreamed of stardom

**TROLLHATTAN, Sweden** (AP)—When Lavin Eskander's family describes his cheerful personality and his passion for music, they switch back and forth between present and past tense, as if they haven't fully accepted that he's not coming back.

The 20-year-old teacher's assistant was stabbed to death Thursday as he tried to shield children at a school in southern Sweden from a masked, sword-wielding attacker. Fifteen-year-old Ahmed Hassan was also stabbed to death and two other people seriously injured in what police are calling a racist hate crime. Police shot and

killed the attacker.

"My brother wanted to be an artist," Leith Eskander, 22, told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday. "He wanted to be famous and spread his songs and his love to the people."

Both Lavin and his brother were born in Sweden to Iraqi parents.

Their cousin, Saman Nazar, called Lavin a born entertainer who always made people laugh.

"Lavin is a funny guy. Really funny guy," said Nazar, 37. "He loves children ... and he's a really good role model. Good sense of what's right and what's wrong."

Hundreds of people gathered Sunday to remember the victims at the Kronan school in Trollhattan, where most of the students are children of immigrants. Eskander's mother wailed "Lavin! Lavin!" and the crowd joined her in an anguished chorus.

The attack, coming at a time of unprecedented immigration to Sweden, has deeply stunned this industrial city, which witnessed a wave of racial violence in the 1990s and is struggling now with a high unemployment rate.

"Lavin was a Swede from top to toe. And he was murdered by a Swede," Nazar told the crowd Sunday.

Police have not released the name of the 21-year-old attacker, but Swedish media say he is Anton Lundin Pettersson of Trollhattan. The principal of the high school where he had studied technology confirmed the name to the AP.

"It's confirmed that it was Anton Lundin Pettersson who was the attacker," Marie-Louise Coon wrote in an email.

"As a person, he was very polite, nice and a little bit quiet," Coon wrote, adding Pettersson had never openly expressed any racist views or any political views at all. "He was, as you could say, a common student."

## Focus

# Old hurdles and new haunt the Sept. 11 case at Guantanamo

By BEN FOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)**—Colleen Kelly came to Guantanamo Bay with a sense of impatience, dismayed at the U.S. military's floundering effort to try five detainees charged with roles in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Having lost a brother at the World Trade Center, Kelly has closely followed each new development as the case lurched along since the men were brought to this U.S. base in Cuba in 2006 from clandestine overseas CIA detention centers.

She was at the latest pretrial session as an observer chosen by a lottery for family of people killed in the attacks. Before coming to Guantanamo, she was skeptical about the decision to try them by military commission instead of a civilian federal court. That didn't change after seeing it up close last week, but she felt some optimism. But only some.

"It's very, very frustrating," she said during a break in proceedings. "It's been 14 years since Sept. 11 and I just don't feel like this is swift justice by any stretch of how we would define swift."

Still, she said, "The prosecution has been incredibly dedicated ... and people are so dedicated to seeing this through. There are forces just outside of anyone's control."

The latest hearing resolved some lingering issues, but old and new challenges continue to haunt a death penalty case that remains so mired in preliminaries that prosecutors and defense lawyers will no longer even estimate an approximate trial date.

"I've heard predictions for just when the trial will start of 2018, 2019, 2020 and never," said Dror Ladin, a staff attorney with the National Security Project of the American Civil Liberties Union who was also observing the proceedings. "I think a fair amount of people don't think the trial can ever get underway."

Part of the challenge has been logistical. The government must fly in five defense teams and a contingent of prosecutors and the military judge, plus support teams, for sporadic pretrial hearings at the remote base on the southeastern end of Cuba.

And part of the challenge has been political: President Barack Obama withdrew charges against Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the 9/11 plot, and his four co-defendants so they could be prosecuted in federal court in New York, part of a broader plan to close the Guantanamo detention center. But that provoked fierce opposition, and Congress passed a law that prohibits taking any prisoner from the base to the United States. That law

has also kept Obama from closing the prison itself, which now holds 114 men.

The five were arraigned a second time in May 2012 under a military commission system that was amended to give additional rights to the accused. The charges against them include nearly 3,000 counts of murder in violation of the law of war, hijacking and terrorism for planning and providing support to the plot.

The latest problem began to emerge barely 10 minutes into last week's opening hearing in what is planned as a two-week pretrial session.

One of the five defendants, Walid Bin Atash, told the court he might be interested in representing himself. Before doing anything else, the judge had to craft a formal warning about the risks of not having a lawyer in this complex terrorism trial. The prisoners are held in maximum-security isolation and don't have access to the classified material that will make up a significant portion of the evidence against them.

That was only the start of the problem. In working with the

judge and prosecution to draft the warning over the ensuing four days, defense attorneys were informed of a secret program referred to in court as the Alternative Compensatory Control Measure that could have some effect on the ability of any of the defendants to serve as

their own lawyers. Whatever it is, and only a small number of people know because the information is classified as top secret, the defense lawyers said it raised ethical issues that would affect the case—in ways they could not disclose.

"The more that everybody

has discussed it the more issues have come up," Jim Harrington, a lawyer for defendant Ramzi Binalshibh, said after a closed meeting with the judge.

It's only the latest snag in the case. In April 2014, proceedings ground to a halt when Harrington disclosed that members



In this Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 photo, Colleen Kelly, whose brother Bill was killed at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, speaks to reporters during a break in pretrial proceedings against five prisoners charged in the terrorist attack, in the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba. Kelly has closely followed each new development as the case lurched along since the men were brought to this U.S. base in Cuba in 2006 from clandestine overseas CIA detention centers. AP



In this Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 photo, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, the chief prosecutor at the U.S. military commission at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, speaks to journalists and Colleen Kelly, the sister of a man killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, during a break in pretrial proceedings for five men charged with planning and aiding the attack. Martins says that a great deal of work providing evidence to the defense is going on despite the slow progress in court and that delays are just part of the process. "The judge is working according to the law and rules of procedure, not any specific schedule. And the law may compel him to suspend or stop or recess as we have been," Martins said.

of his defense team had been questioned by the FBI over a suspected security breach.

Then, at a hearing last February intended to resolve whether the investigation created a conflict of interest for the lawyer for Binalshibh, several of the defendants recognized a new interpreter as someone who had worked at one of the CIA's clandestine prisons, prompting another halt and defense effort to learn more about the man.

The judge, Army Col. James Pohl, was supposed to rule on the conflict issue when the proceedings began last week. That's when Bin Atash raised the issue of representing himself, and nothing else got done for the rest of the week. He was expected to take it up again at a hearing Monday.

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# Overdrive

## Stylish 2016 Mazda CX-3 has plenty of pop

By TERRY BOX  
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Despite what AARP and some flimsy birth certificate claim, I am not old. It's way too inconvenient. I am merely well-seasoned—like some steak at a backyard beer-bash barbecue.

Just ignore my unimpressive numbers (65, 5-6, single).

Maybe Mazda should take the same enlightened approach with its stylish 2016 CX-3, a vehicle that fiercely resists being branded a stolid crossover and like me, is saddled with some lackluster numbers.

The fact is the CX-3's modest performance numbers don't really accurately portray this quasi-crossover, one of those rare all-new vehicles that is vastly better than its specs suggest.

(Hey, I might use that in my online ad.)

For one thing, the CX-3 looks like a compact station wagon that spent last summer hanging out with sandy, slightly addled beach musicians in Southern California.

It's like, righteously rad, dude—and pass me that Dave and Phil Alvin CD.

The Grand Touring model I had recently arrived in a striking shade of creamy pale gray, shining with a sort of Audi aura.

Its 10-spoke, gray and silver 18-inch wheels rolled on 215/50



MCT  
Mazda's 2016 CX-3 flashes a taut, curved top that adds some slink to its ride.

tires pushed to the absolute edges of the CX-3's fairly short body.

Moreover, the CX-3 doesn't stand as tall as most compact crossovers—60.7 inches, compared with 63.2 inches for the new Honda HR-V.

But it wore its metal really well, I thought.

A large upright seven-bar grille and swept-back headlamps gave the CX a surprisingly tough, chiseled face, com-

plemented by a long, mostly smooth hood.

Like every crossover on the planet, the Mazda sported black cladding around its wheel wells—protection against flying rocks, I presume, in case you make a wrong turn and somehow end up off-road.

But the CX-3 also flashed a taut, curved top that added some slink to its ride. In back, an eyebrow over the hatchback window kept that mild Califor-

nia-custom groove going.

In addition, Mazda has gotten really adept in the last couple of years with character lines, placing one high on the front fender of the CX-3 that disappeared gracefully into the back door. A second line down low embellished the CX's subtle curvature on its sides. I liked them all.

But don't lift the hood. A couple of horsepower might escape, and that's the last thing the CX-3 needs.

Despite the hype, Mazda's much-ballyhooed four-cylinder SkyActiv engines just don't generate much heat, and that's especially true of the 2-liter version offered in the CX-3.

With just 146 horsepower and 146 pound-feet of torque, the little engine has to propel 3,200 pounds in the CX, meaning each horsepower must push nearly 22 pounds.

That's too much.

Although the engine is smooth and economical (27 miles per gallon city, 32 highway), it struggles under hard acceleration, needing an estimated 8.5 seconds to reach 60 mph.

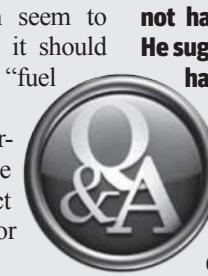
If you drive the CX like an adult, you won't notice the horsepower deficit until you try

### MOTORING Q&A: Overfilling your gas tank? Don't

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q:** The stated fuel capacity of my wife's 2013 Honda Pilot is 21 gallons. This morning I filled it with 22.147 gallons of gas, even though the low-fuel light hadn't come on. Is the pump miscalibrated, which results in me being overcharged by several dollars on a fill-up, or is the gas tank larger than advertised? And is there a point beyond which I shouldn't squeeze more fuel into the vehicle?

**A:** In reverse order of your questions, stop refueling after the automatic cutoff shuts off the fuel flow. Round off your purchase to the nearest dime, and then stop. Continuing to add fuel as the shutoff repeatedly clicks off could overfill the tank, specifically the vapor recovery system. This system includes a small, separate tank-within-a-tank in many vehicles, plus a charcoal canister and its plumbing. The evaporative emissions system is designed to capture and collect fuel vapors from the tank, store them in the canister, and then upon startup, introduce them into the induction system through an



**hoses would become brittle, and to prevent a roadside emergency if they popped off I had all the hoses replaced at a cost of more than \$650.**

**When I talked to the owner of the first garage, he could not explain why there was oil in the coolant. He stated without a doubt that his guys would not have made that mistake. He suggested that the problem happened because there were 7,300-plus miles between oil changes. How could this put oil in the antifreeze? As a consumer how can I sort out the story and get financial help with a problem caused by human error?**

**A:** I can't help but wonder why the oil light would not have come on again if the quart of oil was added to the coolant reservoir. Or why some other mechanical issue didn't develop over the months of driving with the contamination. And since Saturn recommends oil and filter changes every 7,500 miles under normal driving conditions, your mileage between changes would not cause the contamination. Why did the second shop wait until after

the oil change to show you the contaminated coolant? I think the second shop owner was a bit premature in suggesting an immediate change of all the hoses. I'd have suggested first checking for oil and transmission fluid contamination due to mechanical issues like head-gasket failure, cracked block or cylinder head, or a leak from the transmission cooler section of the radiator into the coolant. If none were found, a complete chemical flush of the cooling system along with a new thermostat and the new hoses would then be in order.

Since either shop could have been responsible, obtaining any financial relief will be difficult unless one of the shops accepts responsibility.

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**†Jesus Taitano Aldan**  
Lovingly known as  
**"Uncle Chu"**

We, the family of the late †Jesus Taitano Aldan, would like to invite all our families, relatives, and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Anniversary of our dearly beloved's passing unto eternal life.

Daily mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral, beginning October 28, 2015 through November 5, 2015.

Your thoughts, prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Teresita B. Aldan, Children & Family

# Life & Style

## Justin Bieber is the big winner at MTV EMAs with 5 awards

**M**ILAN (AP)—Pop singer Justin Bieber dominated the MTV EMAs with five European music awards Sunday night, including for best male performer, best collaboration and best look.

"It's been a long couple of years. I just feel it's awesome to be recognized for my music," Bieber, who was up for six awards, told the crowd.

Clad in a boyish red ensemble, Bieber performed his single "What Do You Mean?" for screaming fans—many of whom surely helped him win the best fans category—inside the Mediolanum Center in Italy's fashion capital of Milan.

"Make some noise!" he exhorted the crowd as he sang, as if they needed to be told.

As he picked up his award for best collaboration, Bieber said "it's been a pretty good night." By the time he took the fifth award, for best look, he just said "Wow."

"I don't know what to say, I got these looks from my mamma," Bieber added.

He also won the worldwide act: North America category.

Host Ed Sheeran had a busy night, keeping the show going with co-host Ruby Rose, performing with Rudimental on their hit "Lay It On Me," and taking home two awards himself, for best live act and best

### Amy Schumer, senator cousin call for tighter gun control

**N**EW YORK (AP)—When it comes to gathering support for major issues, Amy Schumer is at the cutting edge of influence. The actress and comic has more than 2 million Twitter followers, and nearly as many on Facebook and Instagram.

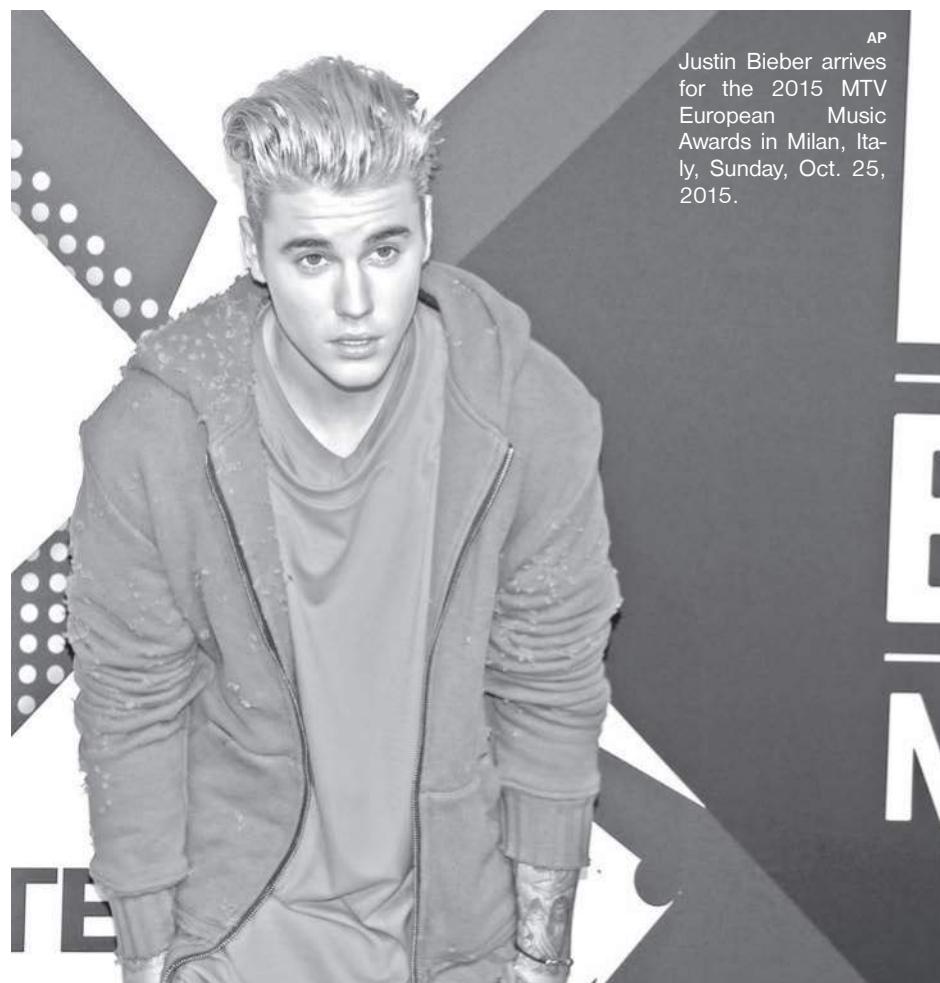
Her cousin, Sen. Charles Schumer, knows that.

On Sunday, they stood in front of New York's City Hall for what they call their "cru-sade on guns."

It started in August, when the two teamed up days after a gunman fatally shot two women in a Louisiana theater showing "Trainwreck," starring Amy Schumer.

"On Thursday, July 23rd, a man sat down for my movie, "Trainwreck." I don't know why he picked my movie," she said on Sunday. "It is something I live with every day."

"Schumer & Schumer"—as the cousins whimsically dub themselves—urged lawmakers to back a proposed gun control bill sponsored by the New York Democrat.



AP  
Justin Bieber arrives for the 2015 MTV European Music Awards in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.



the ceremony, singing a rousing rendition of his anthem "Freedom" with dancers in brightly colored swing skirts. As the broadcast wrapped up, cameras cut to the Piazza Duomo in Milan's center, where fans unfurled a huge "Freedom" banner to raise awareness about Europe's refugee crisis.

New Wave rockers Duran Duran were honored with the first-ever MTV video visionary award honoring music video pioneers.

"Music lovers around the world, when we started, there was us and MTV, and we blazed a trail and we were there for each other," Simon Le Bon told the crowd.

Andrea Bocelli made his MTV EMA debut, lulling the Italian crowd into a sing-along of his hit "Con te partiro" before singing a duet with best newcomer nominee Tori Kelly.

"It's been such an honor just to be around him and just see how he works and it's really cool to see his wife and kids," Kelly said on the red carpet, calling it "a huge honor" to share the stage with Bocelli.

The awards ceremony travels to a different European city each year and winners are selected by fans across the continent.

world stage. Taylor Swift, who led all artists with nine nominations, took just one prize, best song, for "Bad Blood," featuring Kendrick Lamar. Rihanna won best female performer while Nicki Minaj took best hip hop. One Direction won for best pop group, preventing Bieber from

sweeping all the awards for which he was nominated. None of those acts were on hand to accept, and only Minaj sent along a video "thank you."

Best video went to Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, who opened the show with their award-winning song "Downtown," with Eric Nally flying

against a full moon backdrop. They thanked fans for supporting their music without the backing of a big label.

Pharrell Williams closed out

## Jimmy Fallon falls again, hurts fingers on other hand

**B**OSTON (AP)—Jimmy Fallon should probably be more careful.

Four months after the "Tonight Show" host needed emergency surgery to save one of his fingers after a fall, Fallon hurt his other hand in a spill at a party in his honor on Saturday.

Fallon tweeted a picture Sunday of his hand with a couple small bandages on his fingers, writing that it was "nothing a few band aids couldn't fix."

The "Saturday Night Live" alum needed to have a vein tak-

en from his foot over the summer to repair the injured finger on his left hand. He said his wedding ring got caught when he tried to break his fall after tripping on a rug.

Fallon had received a humor award from the Harvard Lampoon in Boston earlier Saturday.

In this Aug. 25, 2014, file photo, Jimmy Fallon presents an award at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. Fallon got the royal treatment at Harvard.



## Oak Ridge Boys, the Browns inducted into Hall of Fame

**N**ASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The sound of voices in sync filled the air as two of country music's greatest vocal harmony groups, the Oak Ridge Boys and the Browns, along with the late gifted guitarist Grady Martin were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday night.

On Sunday, Amy Schumer introduced the hashtag #AimingForChange to give people a voice across social media.

"Live from New York: We're aiming for a change," the senator added, playing on words that kick off television's "Saturday Night Live," recently hosted by Amy Schumer.

The senator believes at least 40 other senators support him, but he hopes for votes from the 60 needed to pass a bill.

their longtime friend and tour mate, Kenny Rogers.

Brooks, who is nominated for entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards next month, said the Oak Ridge Boys gave him his start as a young artist in the 1980s.

"So they opened the doors for me, but what they really did, long before that—'Y'all Come Back Saloon,' might be one of the greatest albums ever recorded in country music history," Brooks said before the ceremony. "Great song after song, hit after hit."

The four members of the Oak Ridge Boys, Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban, each received a medallion from

back to the 1940s. They are one of the few gospel acts to successfully transition to secular music and become hit-makers in multiple genres.

"It's always been family," Bonsall said during the ceremony. "Family has been what's most important. We've tried to run our group that way, as a family."

The Browns, a sibling trio made up of Jim Ed Brown and his sisters Maxine and Bonnie, established themselves as smooth harmony singers in the 1950s and '60s with songs like "The Old Lamplighter" and "Scarlet Ribbons (for Her Hair)." When Maxine and Bonnie left the business to raise their children, Jim Ed Brown continued

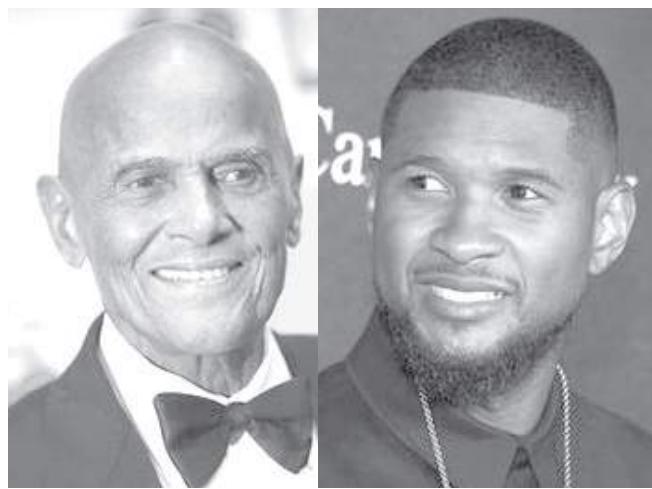
on as a popular solo artist who had a successful run as a radio and television host as well.

Jim Ed Brown was inducted into the hall of fame at his bedside a few days before his death in June from cancer, and his sister, Bonnie, announced earlier this month that she has also diagnosed with cancer.

Bentley, who performed Jim Ed Brown's "Pop A Top," said Brown was like a father figure at the Grand Ole Opry when Bentley first started performing there.

"He's probably up there looking down on us and will probably be in the room tonight when we're singing, and I'll be nervous," Bentley said before the ceremony.

## Usher and Harry Belafonte talk activism in joint appearance



This photo combo of file photos shows Harry Belafonte, left, and Usher. During an hour-long conversation moderated by Soledad O'Brien, on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in New York, the 37-year-old Usher and 88-year-old Belafonte related with obvious warmth to each other as fellow artists, as activists and celebrities and as elder statesman and protege.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—As he considered his growing commitment to activism, Usher only needed to look at the man seated next to him, Harry Belafonte, to know how much more he could give.

"Unfortunately, no matter what I say I'm never going to be able to upstage (Belafonte)," the million-selling musician joked during a weekend appearance at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan.

In an hourlong conversation moderated by Soledad O'Brien, the 37-year-old Usher and 88-year-old Belafonte related with obvious warmth to each other as fellow artists, activists and celebrities and as elder statesman and protege.

Usher called Belafonte a hero, mentor and father figure.

And Belafonte spoke far more positively about young black celebrities than he did two years ago when he chastised Jay Z, Beyoncé and others for turning "their back on social responsibility."

At the 92nd Street Y, Jay Z was in the audience nodding

his head as Belafonte praised him, Usher and Common for renewing a commitment to change after a "very me" generation immediately following the civil rights era.

"I'm glad I lived long enough to see this emergence," he said.

Usher has a new single out, "Chains," which protests racism and police violence. "Chains" features cameos by Nas and Bibi Bourelly, and an interactive video that stops playing if you turn away from the images of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and other black men who were killed recently.

The video was made with the assistance of Belafonte and his nonprofit organization www.sankofa.org, which supports social engagement by artists.

"This conversation comes at a time when I think it's a necessity for us as artists to use our platforms in a significant way," Usher said, adding that Belafonte and his peers "used everything they've got, or they had, in order for us to have that platform."

## 'Jem,' 'Kasbah,' 'Witch Hunter' tank, 'Steve Jobs' fizzles

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—It was a truly outrageous weekend at the box office, and not in a good way.

The pack of new releases proved to be all out duds, some worse than others, leaving room for holdovers "The Martian" and "Goosebumps" to stay in the top spots with \$15.9 and \$15.5 million, respectively according to Rentrak estimates Sunday. The Steven Spielberg/Tom Hanks Cold War thriller "Bridge of Spies" also held nicely in third place with \$11 million.

Vin Diesel's "The Last Witch Hunter" tanked with \$10.8 million, killing any hopes of a new franchise. The Lionsgate film opened in fourth place and cost a reported \$70 million to produce. This is the latest disappointment for Diesel who can't seem to find consistent success outside of the "Fast & Furious" franchise.

None of the weekend's flops will garner as much attention as "Jem and the Holograms," though, which opened to \$1.3 million to become one of the worst debuts of all time for a major studio movie opening in over 2,000 locations. Based on the 1980s animated series, the film opened on 2,413 screens, averaging \$545 per screen, to take 15th place.

The wide release numbers are alarming, but it is worth noting that Universal produced the PG-rated "Jem" for only \$5 million. Overall, teens did not seem all that interested in a movie based on a show that was popular decades before they were born. Audiences that did turn out were overwhelmingly female (in the 90 percent range).

Bill Murray's "Rock the Kasbah" barely did better in ticket sales, pulling in only \$1.5 million from 2,012 theaters, but it also cost three times as much as "Jem" to produce. It's one of Murray's worst debuts ever



In this image released by Universal Pictures, Michael Fassbender appears as Steve Jobs in a scene from the film, "Steve Jobs."

and a low point for Open Road Films. Critics were not fans of the Barry Levinson-directed comedy about a rock manager who finds a new client in Afghanistan.

Poor reviews might have sunk "Witch Hunter," "Jem" and "Kasbah," but good reviews couldn't propel Danny Boyle's "Steve Jobs" to flashy heights. After two very strong limited-release weekends, the biopic failed to impress in wide release with \$7.3 million. That's on par with 2013's "Jobs"

1. "The Martian," \$15.9 million (\$30 million international).
2. "Goosebumps," \$15.5 million (\$5.8 million international).
3. "Bridge of Spies," \$11.4 million (\$5.1 million international).
4. "The Last Witch Hunter," \$10.8 million (\$13.4 million international).
5. "Hotel Transylvania 2," \$9 million (\$28.7 million international).
6. "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension," 8.2 million (\$18 million international).
7. "Steve Jobs," \$7.3 million.
8. "Crimson Peak," \$5.6 million (\$7.8 million international).
9. "The Intern," \$3.9 million (\$7.8 million international).
10. "Woodlawn," \$3.1 million.

which starred Ashton Kutcher and opened to \$6.7 million despite much poorer reviews.

Universal isn't disappointed with the expansion numbers and anticipates that "Steve Jobs" will continue to be in the cultural conversation, especially as the awards season kicks off. The film cost approximately \$30 million to make and has made \$9.98 million to date.

The low budget "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" didn't do very well either with a franchise low take

- Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to Rentrak:
1. "The Martian," \$30 million.
  2. "Hotel Transylvania 2," \$28.7 million.
  3. "Ant-Man," \$22 million.
  4. "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension," \$18 million.
  5. "The Last Witch Hunter," \$13.4 million.
  6. "Pan," \$12.3 million.
  7. "Shaandaar," and "Les Nouvelles aventures d'Aladin," \$8 million.
  8. "Crimson Peak," and "The Intern," \$7.8 million.
  9. "The Intern," \$3.9 million (\$7.8 million international).
  10. "Goosebumps," \$5.8 million.

of \$8.2 million from 1,656 screens—over 1,000 fewer than other films in the series.

Part of the reason for the low screen count is the fact that Paramount was experimenting with a shorter home entertainment window. The film will be available digitally 17 days after it leaves theaters as opposed to the usual 90 days. AMC and Cineplex agreed to participate in the model, but others refused to play the movie.

"It feels to us really clear that any issues that we had were not related to consumer behavior," said Megan Colligan, Paramount's president of worldwide distribution and marketing.

The lackluster weekend at the box office could be the result of overcrowding, according to Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst.

"There're just too many films being released into the marketplace. Over the past month we've had on average at least three new wide release films entering the marketplace every week," Dergarabedian said. "Audiences, and particularly older audiences for whom these films have great appeal, they're staying away. It's like they're opting out. It's easy to get lost if you're a newcomer into such a crowded environment."

As audiences pick and choose where to spend their entertainment dollars, Dergarabedian also notes that there is a handful of probable blockbusters on the way with "Spectre," "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 2" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

"It's not like all is lost at the box office," Dergarabedian said.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

## Recent grad should mention pregnancy during job hunt

**EAR ABBY:** I am a recent nursing school graduate. My husband and I have a 1-year-old, and I just found out I'm pregnant again.

I'd like to get a job as soon as I can. My question is, should I tell prospective employers I'm pregnant? I don't want to be passed over because of my "condition," but I also don't want to be hired and immediately inform them I'll need time off when the baby comes. Am I legally or ethically obligated to disclose that I'm pregnant at an interview?

A NURSE IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR NURSE:** I think you have an ethical obligation to inform your prospective employer. However, you are not legally obligated to disclose that you are pregnant. If you were not hired because of your pregnancy, you might have a claim for discrimination. And the same is true if you were retaliated against for not volunteering the information.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife of 12 years, "Marie," has a serious gambling problem. Every night, she goes straight from work to the casino and stays there at least until 1 a.m. We both have low-paying jobs, and we can't afford this. Every time I mention it she gets really mad and stalks out of the room. Not only is it an expensive habit, but I hardly ever get to see her anymore. Please help.

CONFUSED IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR CONFUSED:** It appears you are married to a gambling addict who is in denial. That's why it's important to separate your finances from hers if you can. A lawyer can help you do that.

There is an organization that might help you called Gam-Anon. It's a 12-step fellowship for husbands, wives, relatives or friends of compulsive gamblers who have been affected by their loved one's problem. Its website is [www.gam-anon.org](http://www.gam-anon.org). Please check it out.

**DEAR ABBY:** We live in the Pacific Northwest and lately there has been a lot of news about an impending major earthquake due to hit our region. We understand it may not happen for a very long time, but it could also strike soon. We are planning to move to another part of the U.S. for our safety. My employer has an office there, and I can retain my job status and seniority.

The problem we see is, what do we tell people—friends and co-workers—about the reason for this transfer? We don't want to come off as "Chicken Little" for something that may not occur within our lifetimes, but we also don't want to endanger ourselves unnecessarily. Should we just say we are moving for "family reasons" or tell the truth or something else?

RUNNING AWAY IN VANCOUVER

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**DEAR RUNNING AWAY:** Living in Southern California, this subject comes up in conversation periodically whenever we have a tremor. Years ago, after one of them, I met a woman who informed me that she and her husband were moving out of state for the same reason you are doing it. (I hope she's enjoying the winters!)

If you are not comfortable informing people that your reason for relocating is fear of an untimely death, I don't think you are required to. It wouldn't be dishonest, however, to say that you are looking for a new adventure.

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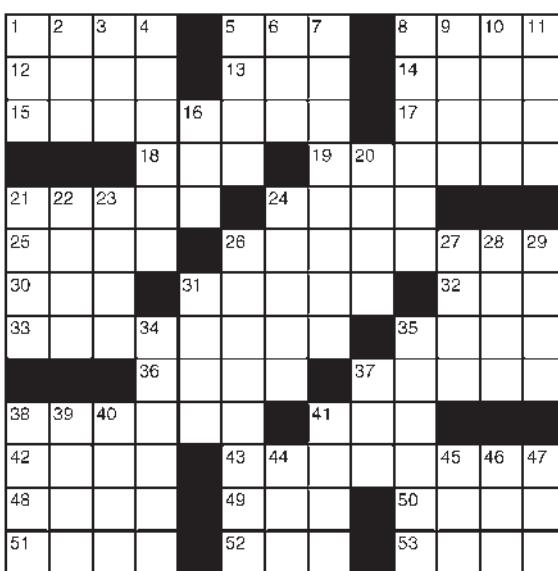


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By Eugene Sheffer

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Check out ideas that have the potential to bring in extra cash. Wasting time is not advisable, so take action, be progressive and embrace challenges that promise rewards. Show off your versatility and your ability to think and act fast. ☀️☀️

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Control your emotions and everything else will fall into place. Take a practical approach when dealing with children, lovers or situations that require you to be a team player. Give your all, don't make a fuss and learn from experienced individuals. ☀️☀️

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Share information, but don't reveal secrets. Flirting with danger may seem attractive, but things won't turn out the way you expect. Don't get involved in a situation that is likely to turn into a costly mistake. ☀️☀️

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Rely on friends to help you make changes at home. Doing things that will add comfort or convenience to your surroundings will also

ease stress. Set aside time to spend with someone special. Love is on the rise and romance is encouraged. ☀️☀️☀️

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Think about your future and position yourself for success. Don't let problems at home drag you down. Make adjustments and keep moving in the direction that brings you the most in return. Take control and make things happen. ☀️☀️☀️

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love, romance, family and friends will make a difference. Some people will encourage you, but others will not be as understanding. Stick close to those who recognize and believe in your ability to reach your goals. ☀️☀️☀️

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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a moment to consider those you love or want to help. You can make a difference and change the outcome of matters that will influence your future personally and professionally. Contact the people in your life who matter most. ☀️☀️

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen carefully and refuse to get dragged into a debate with someone who is trying to make you look bad. Deception is apparent, and problems with authority or institutions will be prevalent. Stay out of trouble and stick close to home. ☀️☀️

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends and family will cause you problems. Be sure to honor your promises in order to avoid criticism. Use intelligence to maintain the budget you set instead of letting someone persuade you into taking on debt that will cause stress. ☀️☀️

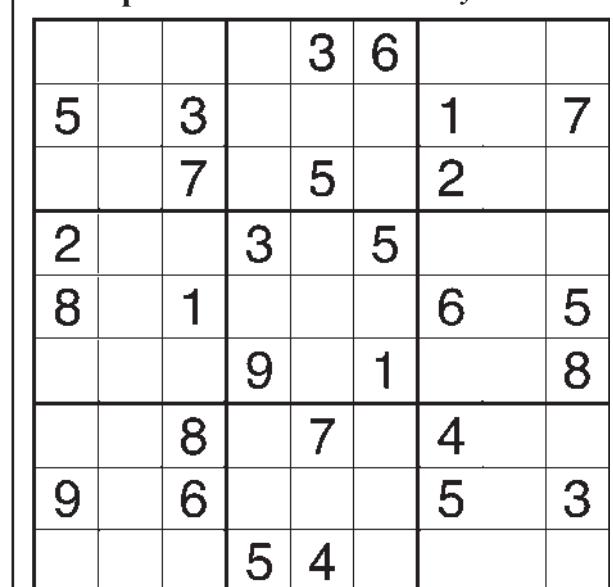
**SCORPIO** (Feb. 19-March 20): Opportunities will be abundant, but what you do with them will determine your rewards. Use your imagination and concentrate on what will bring you the greatest satisfaction. Don't let someone's demands stand between you and your success. ☀️☀️☀️

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By Dave Green



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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Brady, unbeaten Patriots turn it on in 4th, beat Jets

**F O X B O R -**  
OUGH, Massachusetts  
(AP)—Tom Brady overcame New

England's shaky first three quarters by throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the fourth, and the Patriots beat the New York Jets 30-23 on Sunday to remain unbeaten.

Brady completed 13 of 16 passes for 135 yards in the final quarter to overcome a 20-16 lead and give New England a two-game lead over the Jets in the AFC East. He was 34 of 54 for 355 yards overall—numbers that would have been even better if not for the 11 drops by his receivers, six by newly activated Brandon LaFell.

The Jets kicked a field goal on first down and then recovered the onside kick with 15 seconds left. But a false-start penalty on Brandon Marshall ended the game after a short pass from Ryan Fitzpatrick left the Jets 37 yards from the tying score.

## Panthers 27, Eagles 16

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Cam Newton took another step toward rewriting the NFL record book as the Carolina Panthers defeated the Philadelphia Eagles to improve remain unbeaten after their first six games for the first time in club history.

Newton threw for a touchdown and ran for another score, marking the fourth time this season he has accomplished that feat in a game and 28th time in his career — three behind Hall of Famer Steve Young for the league record. Jonathan Stewart ran for 119 yards and Mike Tolbert scored two touchdowns for Carolina, which has won a franchise-record 10 straight regular-season games dating to last season.

## Giants 27, Cowboys 20

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Dwayne Harris sped 100 yards with a kickoff return against his former Dallas teammates seconds after the Cowboys had tied



AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) celebrates his touchdown pass to tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass.

St. Louis to the win.

St. Louis (3-3) had four sacks and recovered four fumbles. The Rams scored 10 points off miscues on Cleveland's first two series, a 17-yard fumble recovery by Rodney McLeod and a field goal after the first of William Hayes' two sacks and strips of Josh McCown on the day.

## Chiefs 23, Steelers 13

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Smith threw for 251 yards and a touchdown, Cairo Santos kicked three field goals as Kansas City ended a five-game losing streak.

Charcandrick West added 110 yards rushing and his first career touchdown for the Chiefs (2-5), and Eric Berry intercepted his first pass since his cancer diagnosis last December.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs shut down Pittsburgh's Landry Jones, who made his first NFL start in place of the injured Ben Roethlisberger and Mike Vick. Jones threw for 209 yards and a touchdown, but he was also picked off twice and lost a fumble.

LeVeon Bell ran for 121 yards for the Steelers (4-3).

## Saints 27, Colts 21

In Indianapolis, Drew Brees threw for 255 yards and one touchdown, Khiry Robinson ran for two scores and New Orleans held on for the victory.

New Orleans (3-4) has won three of its past four. Indy (3-4) still leads the AFC South despite losing its second straight.

Brees finished 28 of 44 and was helped by a running game led by Mark Ingram, who ran for 143 yards and one score as New Orleans took a 27-0 lead.

## WORLD

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fell apart in the sixth inning of a Game 5 loss. The big trade-deadline arrival, Johnny Cueto, has been perplexing. He was 4-7 with a 4.76 ERA in 13 starts for Kansas City, then went out and was nearly untouchable in the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series vs. Houston before having one of the worst starts of his career in Game 3 of the ALCS. Chris Young, the 6-foot-10 Princeton grad, got the call in Game 4 after a long layoff and was superb for 4 2-3 innings.

**Edge:** Mets.

### Bullpen:

**Mets:** Promoted from setup man to closer in early April when Jenrry Mejia was handed the first of two long drug suspensions, Jeurys Familia has been invaluable in the ninth in-

playoff berth since 2008.

### Redskins 31, Buccaneers 30

In Landover, Maryland, Kirk Cousins threw three second-half touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score with 24 seconds left, to lead Washington to the largest comeback in franchise history.

Tampa Bay (2-4) was up 24-0 in the second quarter, before Cousins ran for an 8-yard TD to get Washington (3-4) on the board.

Cousins hadn't completed more than one TD pass in any game all season. But he got a pair of 3-yard scores in the third quarter, sandwiched around an onside kick, to make things interesting.

### Raiders 37, Chargers 29

In San Diego, Derek Carr threw three touchdown passes, including a 52-yarder to Amari Cooper, and Oakland turned two interceptions of Philip Rivers into 10 points on their way to an easy victory over in what could be the last game of the AFC West rivalry played in San Diego.

It was the first meeting of the

Raiders (3-3) and Chargers (2-5) since their owners announced plans to build a \$1.7 billion stadium in an industrial Los Angeles suburb if they can't get new stadiums in their home markets.

Coming off a bye, the Raiders looked quicker and more efficient. Cooper, the first-round draft pick out of Alabama, caught a short pass from Carr on an inside screen and raced through the defense to give Oakland a 30-3 lead just before halftime.

San Diego made it close with three fourth-quarter touchdowns.

### Vikings 28, Lions 19

In Detroit, Teddy Bridgewater threw for a season-high 316 yards and two touchdowns for Minnesota.

Adrian Peterson rushed for 98 yards as the Vikings (4-2) won an NFC North game on the road for the first time in three years.

The Lions (1-6) had an 11-point lead after Matthew Stafford threw TDs on their first two drives, but they blew it because they couldn't protect the quarterback.

Uribi, winner of two World Series rings, hopes to return from a chest cartilage injury that's sidelined him since late September. That would give New York more right-handed thump on the pine to go with an aging Michael Cuddyer. Johnson was 5 for 13 (.385) as a Mets pinch-hitter during the regular season, including a clutch homer at Washington off Stephen Strasburg. But in the playoffs, Johnson struck out four times in six at-bats. Tejada's injury prompted New York to call up Triple-A shortstop Matt Reynolds, who has never played in the majors. Lefty-swinging outfielder Kirk Nieuwenhuis has some pop. He could be replaced on the roster if Uribe is healthy.

**Royals:** Wade Davis showed in that nerve-racking ninth inning of ALCS Game 6 that he has the stomach and the stuff of a top closer. Previously a stellar setup man, Davis stepped in last month to replace Greg Holland, who had Tommy John surgery. And with the return of Luke Hochevar from elbow surgery and the addition of reclamation project Ryan Madson, the Royals' beast of a bullpen might be just as good as last year's crew. Kelvin Herrera, Davis and Hochevar were unscored upon against Toronto. Danny Duffy and Franklin Morales are the left-handers who could be called on to contain New York's dangerous left-handed hitters.

**Edge:** Royals.

### Bench:

**Mets:** Reserve infielder Juan

Minnesota had a season-high seven sacks, which also was a season worst for Detroit.

### Falcons 10, Titans 7

In Nashville, Tennessee, Matt Ryan threw for 251 yards and a touchdown pass, and Devonta Freeman ran for 116 yards.

The Falcons (6-1) bounced back from their first loss by grinding out a road win and overcoming two interceptions. Freeman notched his third consecutive game with at least 100 yards, and Atlanta outgained Tennessee 378-256.

### Jaguars 34, Bills 31

In London, Blake Bortles threw a touchdown pass to Allen Hurns with 2:16 remaining and Jacksonville rallied in the game at Wembley Stadium.

Bortles' second TD pass of the game came a short time after Buffalo safety Corey Graham intercepted a pass and returned it 44 yards to put the Bills ahead.

### Rams 24, Browns 6

In St. Louis, rookie Todd Gurley rushed for 128 yards and his first two touchdowns, helping

son can be late-inning game-changers on the bases. Paulo Orlando, who often spells Rios for defense in right field, is 2 for 3 this postseason.

**Edge:** Mets.

### Manager:

**Mets:** Terry Collins. Oldest skipper in the majors, the 66-year-old Collins is managing in the postseason for the first time. So far, he's had the perfect touch. Popular with his players and opponents alike, Collins made several gutsy and unconventional decisions that paid off in Game 5 against the Dodgers. GM Sandy Alderson called it a masterful job. Collins also turned the Mets loose on the bases during their NLCS sweep against a Cubs team that had trouble holding runners - even though New York ranked last in the league in steals this season.

**Edge:** Mets.

**Pick:** Mets in 6. Again, if Cespedes is healthy.

A baseball lifer who has managed in Japan, Venezuela and minor league towns all over the country, Collins has embraced his long-awaited opportunity this October and become a cheerful story.

**Royals:** Ned Yost. Went from being criticized for some of his curious moves last season to finishing third in AL Manager of the Year voting. After reaching his first World Series as a skipper in 2014, he's been on a mission to win it all this time. The Royals are a very disciplined team, striking out the fewest times in the majors this season. They're crisp on defense and make smart decisions on the bases. Yost's biggest challenge is managing his bullpen, which could get a lot of work in the World Series.

**Edge:** Mets.

**Pick:** Mets in 6. Again, if Cespedes is healthy.

# World Series: How the Mets and Royals match up

By MIKE FITZPATRICK and  
HOWIE RUMBERG  
AP BASEBALL WRITERS

A position-by-position look at the New York Mets and Kansas City Royals going into the World Series, starting Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium:

**First Base:**

**Mets:** Lucas Duda. A streaky slugger with a good eye when he's going well, the quiet Duda was given an everyday job early last season over Ike Davis in a wise evaluation by the Mets. Duda has delivered on that promise of big power, with 57 homers and 165 RBIs over the past two years. He's worked hard to become a better-than-you-think fielder, and he busted out of a bad slump with a homer, two doubles and five RBIs in the NL Championship Series clincher at Wrigley Field.

**Royals:** Eric Hosmer. The two-time Gold Glove winner finally became the middle-of-the-order force the Royals were hoping for when they drafted him third overall in 2008. He set career highs of 93 RBIs and 98 runs this season while raising his batting average nearly 30 points to .297. He struggled at the plate in the AL playoffs but knocked in 11 runs on 10 hits in 45 at-bats.

**Edge:** Even.

**Second Base:**

**Mets:** Daniel Murphy. There's a new Mr. October in the Big Apple. Always a good contact hitter, Murphy worked all year on generating more power. Something started to click in the second half and he set a career high with 14 home runs. That was just the beginning, though. The 2014 All-Star, who can become a free agent next month, has homered in a record six consecutive postseason games. He batted .529 (9 for 17) against the Chicago Cubs to win NLCS MVP honors, and is hitting .421 with seven homers and 11 RBIs in nine postseason games overall. He credits his No. 3 spot in the lineup and first-year Mets hitting coaches Kevin Long and Pat Roessler. Murphy can be shaky on the bases and in the field, but his all-around performance in the playoffs was spectacular.

**Royals:** Ben Zobrist. A trade-deadline acquisition from Oakland, Zobrist took over at second base down the stretch when Omar Infante went out with an oblique injury in mid-September. Zobrist has had an impressive postseason, hitting .325 through the first two rounds, including four doubles and two homers in the ALCS. He has World Series experience with Tampa Bay in 2008.

**Edge:** Mets. Murphy is on a roll.

**Shortstop:**

**Mets:** Wilmer Flores. Nearly traded in late July, Flores be-



Kansas City Royals celebrates their 4-3 win against the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 6 of baseball's American League Championship Series on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo. AP

came an instant fan favorite when cameras caught him crying during a game because he thought he'd been jettisoned by the only organization he's ever played for. He began the season as the starter and took over again in the playoffs when Ruben Tejada broke his leg on a late takeout slide by Chase Utley of the Dodgers. Flores had 16 homers this year and delivered several clutch hits. He's limited on defense but has been more consistent since his early-season struggles.

**Royals:** Alcides Escobar. A pest in the leadoff spot and a whiz with the glove, Escobar has blossomed this October. He likes to swing early in the count, and he set a record with hits to start four straight playoff games in one series. The ALCS MVP, Escobar is the postseason hits leader with 17, one more than Murphy.

**Edge:** Royals. Escobar is on a roll.

**Third Base:**

**Mets:** David Wright. A respected leader and the longest-tenured active player in the majors with one team, Wright has finally reached the World Series. The team captain fought through various injuries during a string of losing seasons and waited since 2006 to get back to the playoffs. Sidelined more than four months this year because of a strained hamstring and spinal stenosis, Wright hit a titanic homer in late August on his first major league swing since mid-April. He's not quite the offensive threat he once was, but remains an important piece of the puzzle for New York. After going 1 for 16 with seven strikeouts in the NLDS, he picked it up against the Cubs.

**Royals:** Mike Moustakas. Like Hosmer, the 27-year-old "Moose" took a big step forward at the plate this season.

The second overall draft pick in 2007 earned his first All-Star selection in his fifth season and set career highs in most major offensive categories, finishing with an .817 OPS. But aside from his homer in Game 6 of the ALCS, Moustakas struggled in the first two rounds.

**Edge:** Mets.

**Catcher:**

**Mets:** Travis d'Arnaud. The injury-prone d'Arnaud has been plenty productive when healthy for the last year and a half. He was acquired from Toronto in the same trade that netted Noah Syndergaard. Throwing and game-calling are not necessarily strengths, but d'Arnaud frames pitches very well. He has power to all fields and batted .206 with three homers and six RBIs in nine playoff games.

**Royals:** Salvador Perez. The big catcher earned his third straight All-Star nod and should be a favorite for his third Gold Glove in a row, too. Banged up in the first two rounds, Perez kept right on grinning and playing. And hitting balls over the fence. He had only three hits in the ALCS but two were homers. He also connected twice in the Division Series and has six RBIs overall. Remember, too, he homered off Giants ace Madison Bumgarner in the World Series opener last fall.

**Edge:** Royals.

**Left Field:**

**Mets:** Yoenis Cespedes. Acquired from Detroit just before the July 31 trade deadline, Cespedes was a perfect fit, giving the Mets the powerful right-handed bat they desperately needed in the middle of the lineup. A legitimate five-tool player with a rocket arm, he helped New York pull away in the NL

East by going on an incredible tear at the plate that even inspired some MVP talk. But the Cuban star received a cortisone shot for his sore left shoulder after exiting the NLCS finale.

He says he'll be ready for Game 1.

**Royals:**

Alex Gordon. Played only 104 games this season because

of a severe groin injury that sidelined him for two months. One of the game's best defensive outfielders, he's also a potent bat in the 8-hole for a deep Royals lineup.

**Edge:** Mets, if Cespedes is healthy.

**Center Field:**

**Mets:** Juan Lagares. A Gold Glove winner last season, Lagares lost his everyday job because of his struggles against right-handed pitching. He was relegated to the bench and sporadic at-bats vs. lefties once Cespedes arrived. Kansas City has all right-handers in the rotation, but with the DH in play, Lagares could be a starter in the expansive outfield at Kauffman Stadium. He's done well in his platoon role this postseason, too.

**Royals:** Lorenzo Cain. Showed off his speed in scoring the most important run of the ALCS - a dash home from first base on a single for the go-ahead run in the clinching Game 6 against Toronto. Cain topped last season's breakout year, adding some pop (16 homers) to a .307 average with 28 steals. The first-time All-Star hit .300, stole two bases and drove in five runs vs. the Blue Jays, all while showing off his extraordinary range in the outfield.

**Edge:** Royals.

**Right Field:**

**Mets:** Curtis Granderson. An

experience and potential sock from the left side.

**Royals:** Kendrys Morales. Signed after the Royals declined their contract option on Billy Butler, Morales has been a boon for Kansas City's offense. He had 22 homers and 106 RBIs with a .290 average during the regular season and hit four more long balls during the playoffs.

**Edge:** Royals.

**Starting Pitchers:**

**Mets:** They're young, they throw hard and they have imposing nicknames. But there's so much more to all those live arms the Mets rebuilt around. New York's fearsome foursome of Matt Harvey (The Dark Knight), Jacob deGrom (the deGrominator), Syndergaard (Thor) and Steven Matz is polished beyond their years. The steady poise and nasty stuff they've shown in the postseason has been something special. Harvey will start Game 1 in Kansas City, all that uproar about his innings limit a thing of the past. He went 13-8 with a 2.71 ERA in his first season back from Tommy John surgery. The star right-hander is a drama magnet, but he loves a big stage. He shut down the Cubs in the NLCS opener and won both his playoff starts. Last season's NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom gets Game 2. He was 14-8 with a 2.54 ERA before going 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in three postseason outings. Syndergaard (9-7, 3.24) hits 100 mph with his fastball and even made his first career relief appearance in Game 5 of the Division Series against the Dodgers. Fellow rookie Matz, the Long Island lefty who grew up a Mets fan about 50 miles from Citi Field, hasn't been asked to go very deep in his two postseason assignments. But the team thinks so highly of him, it pegged him for the October rotation after only six major league starts (4-0, 2.27). The group has combined for 147 career regular-season starts, by far the fewest for a World Series foursome, according to STATS. New York threw 5,752 pitches clocked at 95 mph or faster this season, STATS said. Kansas City ranked second with 4,315.

**Royals:** The starting staff is the weakest aspect of the sound Royals. Yordano Ventura became a star during last year's postseason and was the team's opening-day starter, but the flame-thrower struggled with his control and emotions and was briefly demoted to the minors this season. He's been inconsistent in October, brilliant at times and beatable at others. Free-agent signee Edinson Volquez had his second 13-win season in a row, after one with Pittsburgh. Volquez tossed six shutout innings in the ALCS opener, then

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# Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders dies of cancer



**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Flip Saunders, who rose from the backwaters of basketball's minor leagues to become one of the most powerful men in the NBA as coach, team president and part owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves, died Sunday, the team said. He was 60.

Saunders was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in June and doctors called it "treatable and curable." But he took a leave of absence from the team in September after complications arose during his treatment, which included chemotherapy. He had been hospitalized for more than a month.

"Flip was a symbol of strength, compassion, and dignity for our organization," owner Glen Taylor said in a statement. "He was a shining example of what a true leader should be, defined by his integrity and kindness to all he encountered."

Sam Mitchell has been named interim head coach and GM Milt Newton is heading the team's personnel department.

Saunders went 654-592 in 17 NBA seasons with the Timberwolves, Detroit Pistons and Washington Wizards. But his best days came in Minnesota, where he nurtured Kevin Garnett from a teenager who jumped straight from high school to the NBA in 1995 and helped turn the woeful Wolves into a perennial playoff team.

The Timberwolves had started to practice on Sunday when Newton got word from Taylor of Saunders' death. Practice was halted and a devastated Garnett left the floor, walked to the parking garage at the practice facility and sat down in the spot marked for Saunders. He posted



AP

In this Jan. 22, 2011, file photo, Washington Wizards coach Flip Saunders talks to his team in the second half of an NBA basketball game with the Boston Celtics in Washington.

the Western Conference finals in 2004. He was fired the next season when the team disintegrated thanks in large part to contractual battles with Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell. The Wolves have not made the playoffs since.

Saunders won 64 games in his first season in Detroit in 2005-06 and 176 in his three seasons coaching the Pistons. But he couldn't quite get a veteran-laden team over the hump and into the NBA Finals, so he was dismissed in 2008.

He coached three more years in Washington before returning to Minnesota as president of basketball operations in 2013. Again, he took over a franchise in turmoil and was bringing the Timberwolves back to relevance before he fell ill.

Saunders deftly handled the exit of disgruntled forward Kevin Love, trading him to Cleveland for a package including budding young star Andrew Wiggins and Thaddeus Young, who was flipped to Brooklyn in February to secure Garnett's return.

"Flip you were one of a kind. Great basketball mind and even better human being," Love said on Instagram. "You had a great impact on my life personally and professionally. RIP my friend. Prayers are with the Saunders family during this time."

Saunders also signed Ricky Rubio to a four-year contract extension, drafted Zach LaVine, Shabazz Muhammad and Karl-Anthony Towns, brought in veterans Andre Miller and Tayshaun Prince and helped design a new \$25 million practice facility across the street from Target Center.

As team president, coach and a minority owner, Saunders grabbed a level of influence

within his organization that was unmatched in the NBA. His fingerprints were on everything, from personnel decisions to in-game strategies, even down to the pregame entertainment.

"Today is not a day to reflect on Flip's accomplishments in basketball or what he brought to us as an organization on the court, but rather to indicate what he meant to us as a co-worker, friend, member of the community and the basketball world at large," Taylor said. "We as an organization are devastated by his passing, and our hearts and prayers go out to (his wife) Debbie and the entire Saunders family as they endure this extraordinary loss."

Saunders is survived by his wife, Debbie, son Ryan and daughters Mindy, Rachel and Kimberly.

"The Timberwolves have lost a brilliant leader, and Minnesota has lost an outstanding citizen," Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said.

He liked to sneak up behind unsuspecting visitors to Target Center, clamp his hand down on a shoulder and squeeze with a vise-like grip that came from hours of massaging his polio-stricken mother in his youth.

He would carry around autographed cards of himself to hand out to fans, and playfully give them to media members as well with a mischievous grin on his face.

"We have all been blessed by your wonderful life, Coach Flip," Muhammad tweeted. "You will be deeply missed. Rest in peace."

Gregarious and outgoing, he endeared himself to a Twin Cities community that viewed him as a hometown boy done good, with his Gophers roots overshadowing his Cleveland upbringing. And Flip loved Minnesota right back. When he returned to the organization after 10 years away, he recounted a story about working for ESPN and being asked why he still lived in Minnesota so long after he was fired.

## TEAM

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4 on the board with her shot in the 51st, while Chloe Salvosa made the equalizer for Team 1 in the 68th minute.

Joining Salvosa on Team 1 are goalie Chevy Kate Alipio, Mia Carreon, Elaine Enriquez, De Jana Muna, Anela Duenas, Krizel Tuazon, Christine Aninzo, Mel Borja, Mary Kay Alferos, Britanny Wally, Renita Fleming, Camille Li-

mon, Stephanie Camacho, Tori Youngblood, and Ferleen Es-mundo. Team 4, on the other hand, is composed of Amanda Agulto, Madeleine Alegre, Princess Alcantara, Stephanie Lumbad, Ericka Santiago, Gabrielle Race, Rhea Banados, Tera Allen, Ericka Dela Rosa, Stevie Kate Alipio, Liz Pan, Jeralyn Castillo, Gillian Villagomez, Shawna Brenn, and Jennifer Perena.

The four teams in Division A will name their respective

squads in Week 2 of the league. Meanwhile, two Division B (recreational) matches were played at the Kobilerville Elementary School Field last Saturday.

MP United and Kanoa FC dueled in the second match and ended up in a deadlock, 2-2. The official match report did not indicate who scored for each squad, while Paire FC and Kagman High School had a friendly game in the first tiff and scores were not listed.

for the squad starting early this month. The pool was then initially cut into half and those who made the grade continued training under Angeles for more than two weeks before the final selection was decided last Friday.

The selected players now have nine training days left (excluding yesterday's) before leaving for Guam and practice sessions will also include playing scrimmages against the CNMI Women's National Team and the Commonwealth's boys U14 squad.

"As the tournament approaches, the players will continue training to enhance their individual skills and improve playing as a team. Thus, we ask the support of club officials and parents by allowing these players to possibly attend all training sessions from Oct. 26 to Nov. 6. To prevent injuries prior to departure, please also ask club coaches to caution the players about unnecessary roughness during league matches," NMIFA added in a statement released to club officials and coaches.

Four K1 bouts, a form of kickboxing, will open up the night's matches with UMA Guam's Jayvin "The Prodigy" Santos battles Team Zalaka's Denny Jepen, while C.J. "The Beast" Noket, also of UMA,

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Nov. 7. In Guam, the CNMI bets will be facing teams from the host, North Korea, Chinese-Taipei, and Hong Kong. The festival will follow an 11-aside format with each game having two 30-minute halves. A special team event will also take place in the afternoon at the completion of the festival matches.

The 18 players were selected from the nearly 50 individuals who joined the series of tryouts

## TRENCH

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CNMI's Vince "Vinsanity" Pua (2-3, 2 knockouts) by submission in last year's Trench Warz 17: Road to Glory.

Alvarez and Gatmen in Trench Warz 18: Rock & Rumble on Dec. 12, 2014, where the latter completed a second-round victory via triangle choke to remain undefeated after two fights.

Independent fighter Andrew "Top Gun" Sablan will face Mark "The Dark" Nuique in the semi main event at 135 lbs.

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takes on StrikeForce MMA's Ken Santos in a 200-lb bout.

Albert "Baby Sanchai" Andrea of GMT will face Derick "Hot Shot" Naog of Team Zalaka and G-Force's Phil David will meet Kier "The Radical Kid" Agda of TrenchTech/StrikeForce.

Timothy Salas of Team Zalaka will try to test A.J. "Smalls" Alda of Trench Tech will kick off the scheduled nine mixed martial arts fights with Team Sonic's T.J. Tudela going up against Luta Top Team/Ground-Fu's Juan Lizama in the next bout.

Down2Scrap's Jadrien "Bonbon" Camacho aims to bounce back from a first-round loss to A.J. Aldan in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath last July 3 when he clashes with VIDA BJJ's Marc Vidaurri.

Giovanni Taitingfong.

Justin "Ichi Banger" Quichocho will try to keep Guam Muay Thai's banner flying high against TrenchTech's Mike Muna with LutaTopTeam's Keith "K Oz" Ogo aims to get the better of Jamaal "The Striker" Mresbang of Team StrikeForce.

Marianas Elite's John Tudela battles GMT's Khalil "K-Nunu" Toves, while Trench Tech's Lucas "The Irish Zombie" Nutting hopes to follow up his third-round win over Tan Taisacan in Rites of Passage 17: Road to Glory when he takes on Jones Langy of RedAntsAcademy.

Raymond Castro of LutaTop-Team collides with Joe Lee of TrenchTech with Ryan Ngirbabul closing up the MMA event when he goes up against GMT's Marc Vidaurri.

# GMJ/IKKI extends streak to three

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 GMJ/IKKI Wholesale is still unbeaten in the open division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League following a 112-68 demolition of Ferrera Builders last Friday at the San Antonio court.

GMJ/IKKI is perfect in three games to remain on top of the leaderboard in the West Group, while Ferrera absorbed its second loss in as many matches.

New recruit Jose Oyola led GMJ/IKKI's rout of Ferrera, as he scored 34 points in his debut on Saipan. Oyola put the finishing touches in GMJ/IKKI's crushing of Ferrera, knocking in the team's last 22 points. He had a total of 27 markers in the fourth quarter alone and hit six triples in that one-sided match.

Josue Melendez backed up Oyola, adding 21 markers, while six other GMJ/IKKI players scored at least 5 points apiece to keep the team's unblemished record.

GMJ/IKKI raced to a 9-0 lead, holding Ferrera scoreless for nearly three minutes into the first quarter, which ended with the former up by 15, 29-14.

GMJ/IKKI protected its double-digit lead in the last three cantos, as its offensive prowess proved to be too much against Ferrera.

Meanwhile, Pacific Islands Club and Ask Y U B downed separate foes in the two open division matches last Sunday.

Ask Y U B clobbered Maplas, 95-55, to improve to a 3-1 record and bounce back from its previous loss to MJD Enterprise last week.

Four Ask Y U B broke into double figures for their 40-point victory. Djay Ong had a team-high 21 markers, Dave Camacho chipped in 18, while Sid Quan and Jethro Cruz contributed 11 apiece.

Ong and company started strong, taking a 22-8 lead after the first period and never looked back to bag their third victory and hand Maplas its second defeat in as many matches.

In the other open division game last Sunday, PIC made it to the win column after losing its debut to Pacman following an 80-67 triumph over GMI Market (1-1).

The GMI Market-PIC tiff was a close fight in the first three periods before the latter gained cushion in the final canto, thanks to Jake Quitugua's successive baskets. The PIC wingman scored 11 of his 24 points

in the fourth frame, including 7 of his team's last 9 markers.

## FRIDAY

**GMJ/IKKI 112** – Oyola 34, Melendez 21, Barrios 9, Mangali 9, Camacho 6, Ferrer 6, Cortez 6, Estevez 5, Villacrusis 4, T. Montes 3, Dizon 2.

**Ferrera 68** – Edralin 17, Salalila 16, Paraiso 14, Guiang 9, Mina 9, Lontoc 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 29-14, 48-33, 69-55, 112-68.

## SUNDAY

### First Game

**Ask Y U B 95** – Ong 21, Camacho 18, Quan 11, Cruz 11, Chariton 9, Hammond 8, Standish 8, Younis 6.

**Maplas 55** – Viray 26, Rueda 8, Odicita 5, Ignacio 5, Barrios 4, Jumaquio 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-8, 53-31, 68-44, 95-55.

### Second Game

**PIC 80** – Quitugua 24, Aranda 16, Abuy 15, Rabasto 8, Feria 8, Barbo 4, Mardix 3, Castro 2.

**GMI Market 67** – Jon Santos 14, Cabanas 14, Je. Santos 10, Sablan 10, Deleon Guerrero 6, John Santos 2, Hockett 2, Babauta 2, Kaipat 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-18, 32-29, 55-47, 80-67.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's Juan Camacho draws the defense of Ferrera Builders' J.R. Mina, center, and Rolly Paraiso during the second quarter of their Open division game in the San Antonio caging last Friday at the San Antonio court.

## Repeat victories for Barit, Cultura



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Nolan Cultura, left, celebrates his victory over Rey Pinangay in the billiards tournament held last week at Jokers Bar in Garapan.

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Jeff Barit and Nolan Cultura repeated their respective victories in the Pacific Amusement-organized weekly darts and billiards tournaments held last week at Jokers Bar in Garapan.

Barit and Cultura both ruled the weekly event for the first time last Oct. 7.

Both also went undefeated on their way to win the darts and billiards crowns.

Barit defeated Pam Ybanez in the finals of the darts tournament, while Cultura dispatched Rey Pinangay for the billiards title.

Barit also scored wins over Jose Osoco, Stanley Aldan, Boom Cruz, and Ybanez, who

had to beat Ray Cepeda in order to arrange a rematch with his semifinals tormentor.

Ybanez, who dropped to the loser's bracket after that loss to Barit, rebounded with a much-needed win over Cepeda.

His other victories were against Paul Quizon, Jun Santos, and Pete Togawa before losing to Barit in their battle for the first finals berth.

Barit earned \$100 and a trophy for his victory, while Ybanez settled for \$60 and a T-shirt.

In billiards, Cultura foiled Pinangay's upset bid in the title match. He went home \$75 richer with a trophy, while

his opponent had \$45 and a T-shirt.

Cultura scored wins over Jerry Soriano, Boyet Sequioco, Joshua Woodson, and Randy Sablan before dispatching Pinangay in the finals.

Pinangay defeated Rodel Dela Cruz in the first round but lost to Joseph Achas in the next to drop to the loser's bracket. He then

breezed past his foes in the loser's bracket to earn another shot against Cultura.

One by one, Pinangay defeated Manny Mariano, Soriano, Woodson, Achas, and Sablan before Cultura quashed his title hopes.

## Saipan Little League meeting this Wednesday

The current officials of the Saipan Little League Board Inc. are again reminding all of its members to attend Wednesday's meeting, Oct. 28, at 5pm at the pavilion beside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Managers, coaches, and assistant coaches who were selected to the CNMI All-Star teams are encouraged to attend.

All managers and coaching staff who handled teams last season are also being invited to the meeting along with all the parents of players.

SLLBI officials are trying to hold an election for a new set of

board members, who will then vote among themselves to fill the seven positions—president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chief statistician, player agent, and safety officer.

The new president will then preside on all board meetings in order to plan the 2016 Saipan Little League season. A member must be present to be elected to the board.

The SLLBI was supposed to have an election last Saturday but outgoing president Ben Jones called off the pro-

ceedings as only less than 20 members attended the 10am meeting.

This was the third time the election was postponed the first time was on Oct. 10 due to lack of voting members and on Oct. 16 due to Typhoon Champi.

Jones is suggesting that each member should bring one or two for tomorrow's meeting.

For more information, call incumbent SLLBI vice president Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Tenorio at 285-1024. (Jon Perez)



JON PEREZ  
Red Sox pitcher Zack Camacho, left, tags out an NSA Braves player while sliding at home plate as teammate Shane Mallens look on in last season's semifinals match. The Red Sox and the Braves are expected to return for the next season as soon as the new set of elected board members are set to plan the upcoming 2016 league.



Brady, unbeaten  
Patriots turn it  
on in 4th, beat  
Jets  
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## Team 2 shuts down Team 3 in women's tilt

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The 2015 Dove Women's Football Fall League kicked off last weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex Field with Team 2 leading the opening week winners list.

Team 2 blanked Tear 3, 3-0, in the second game in Division A last Sunday. Guinevere Borja scored a pair of goals to give Team 2 a good start this season, while Irish Pagarao knocked in the other goal. Borja found the back of the net early with her goal in the second minute, while Pag-



rao lit up the board in the 2nd to hand Team 2 a 2-0 halftime edge. Borja then earned her second goal in the 44th minute, while Team 3 failed to break its silence in the final 30 minutes of play.

Besides Borja and Pagarao, other members of Team 2 are goalie Rachel Masga, Anna

Karapetyan, Dianne Pablo, Michelle Masga, Michell and Richelle Kautz, Jhaza Mirano, Marielle Gariguez, Alexa Vergara, Jeraldine Castillo, Maria Castro, Anna Manibusan, and Victoria Diaz. Team 3 has goalie Carla Ballesteros, Bernadette Horey, Pinyarat Shankweiler, Wincel Bubos, Lyka Sally, Mae Ito, Marcy Ermitanio, Nica Gariguez, Diana Maniacop, Jan Travilla, Pearl Santiago, Jayda Mendoza, Karleen Reyes, and Kyla Ito.

In the other Division A pairing, Team 1 and Team 4 settled for a 1-1 draw.

Both teams scored in the second half. Sarah Allen put Team

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### 18 named to EAFF-bound CNMI team



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Eighteen players made the final cut for the CNMI U13 National Team that will participate in the East Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015 in Guam next month.

Goalkeepers Floyd Muna and Jason Quimzon led the elite list and will be joined on the team by defenders Eun Syu Hahn, Kirt Andon, Lolobeyong Benito, and Ian Maniago, midfielders Mark Esalan, Thaiphi Austria, Sebastien Manabat, Kirro Batino, Raseff Altami-



rano, Angelo Bergancia, Justin Achas, and Johoey Noble, and forwards John Michale Rojas, Edward Cho, Kaden Church, and Taka Borja. Jershwin Angeles is the squad's head coach and will be assisted by Chelton FC Soccer School Hong Kong's Takemoto Suzuki.

"It is with great pleasure to announce the selection of the young boys who will be representing the NMI in the EAFF U13 Boys Football Festival that will be held in Guam from Nov. 7 to 11. Let us all congratulate these players," NMIFA said in a statement sent to officials of

ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Thaiphi Austria, right, and Sebastien Manabat, are among the 18 players selected to suit up for the CNMI U13 National Team that will participate in the East Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015 in Guam next month.

various clubs where the players came from.

The Teen Ayuyus will be playing in the EAFF youth festival from Nov. 8 to 10 and they will leave Saipan for Guam on

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## Trench Warz tentative fight card out

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Trench Tech promoter Cuki Alvarez has released a tentative list of the fight card for

Trench Warz 19: No Turning Back set on Nov. 27, Friday, at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Alvarez said the entire fight card is subject to change as



Mike Sanchez (200 lbs) and Jered Melon (175 lbs) are on stand by and could get a shot if an opponent comes up.

Guam's Ryan "The Predator" Toves of Team High

**TRENCH TECH**

Blood Pressure will be headlining the main event where he will go up either against Saipan's "Shiska" Bob Alvarez of Spike22/TrenchTech or Eric "Gatty" Gatmen of Guam Muay Thai in a 155-lb bout.

Toves has won two of his last fights after dropping the first three. He is coming off a first-round triumph over

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Jadrien "BonBon" Camacho tried to get out of the choke hold of Jimmy Kaipat in Trench Warz 18: Rock & Rumble last Dec. 12, 2014. Camacho, who lost his last match against A.J. Aldan, hopes to bounce back when he faces VIDA BJJ's Giovanni Taingfong in a tentative fight card for Trench Warz 19: No Turning Back.